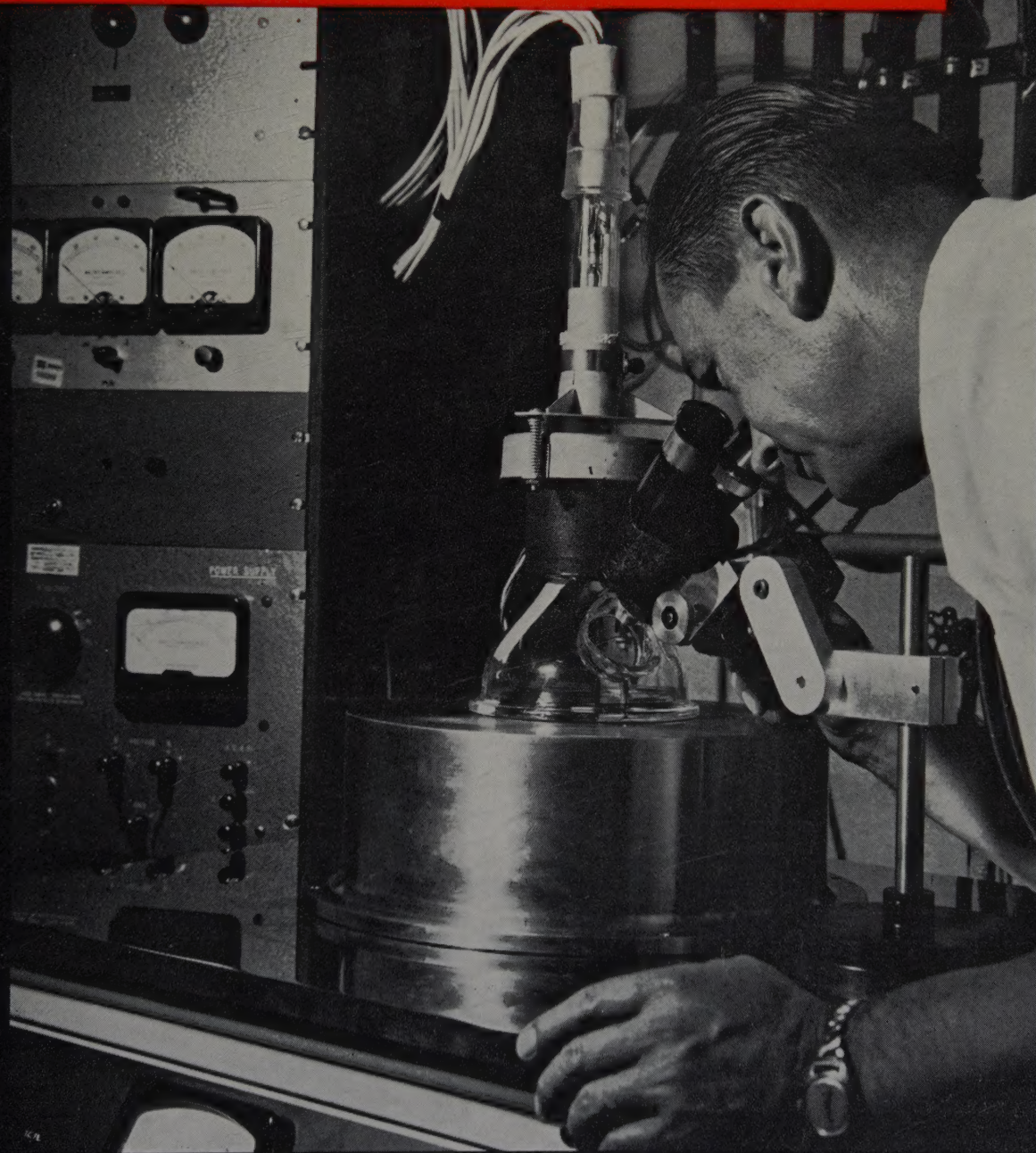


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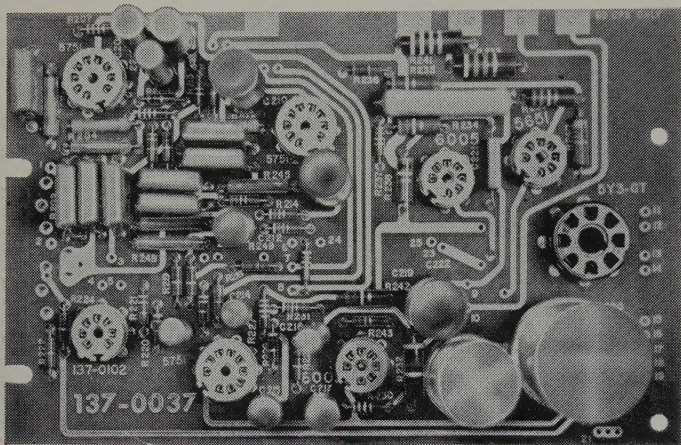
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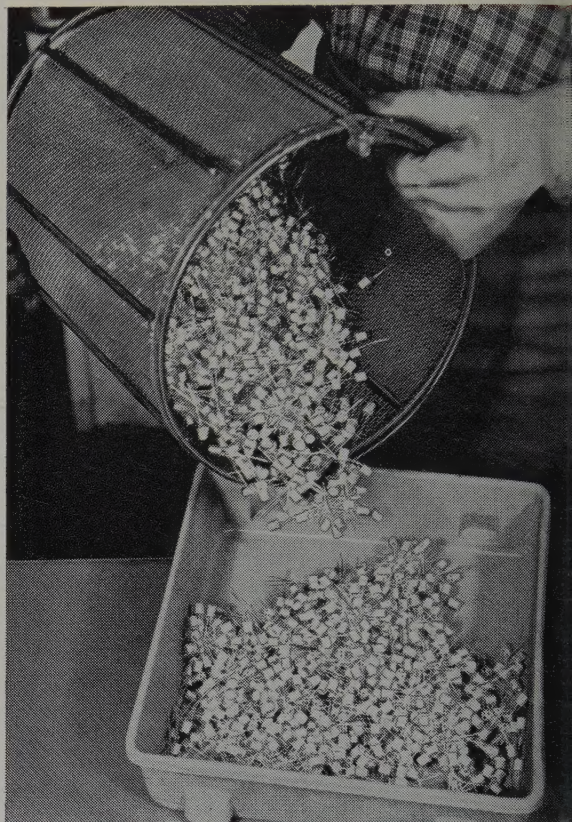
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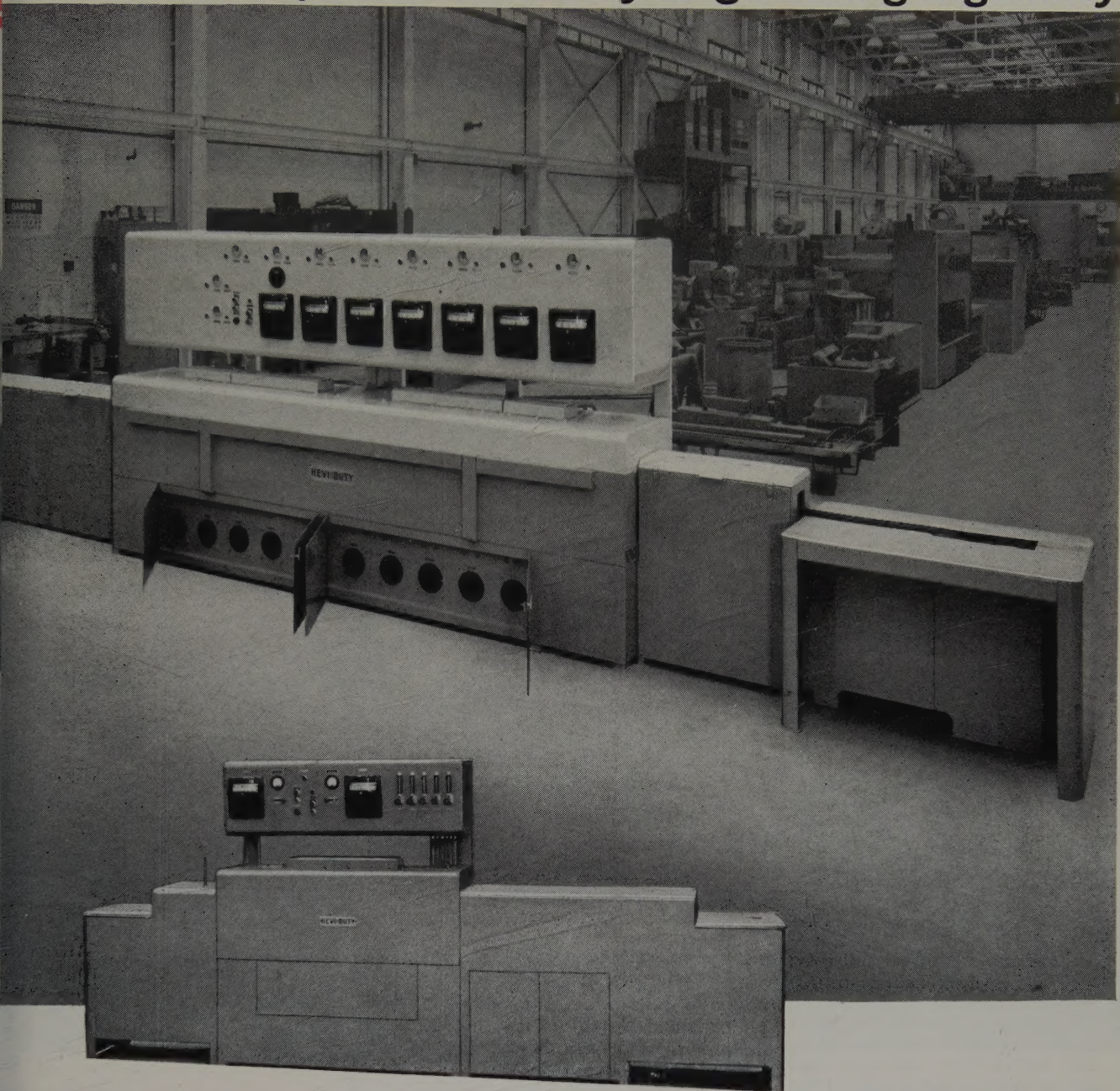


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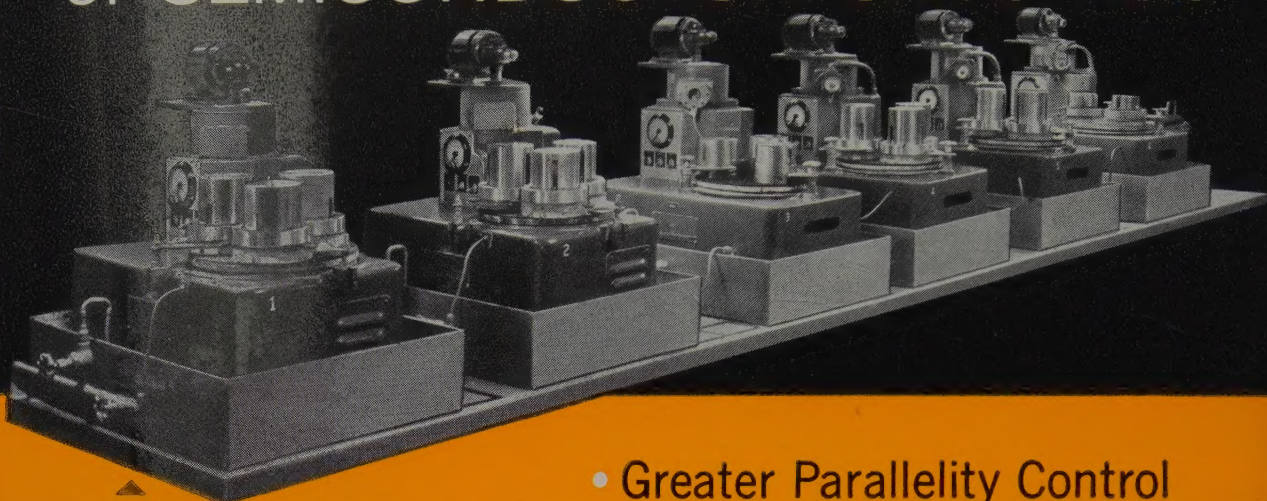


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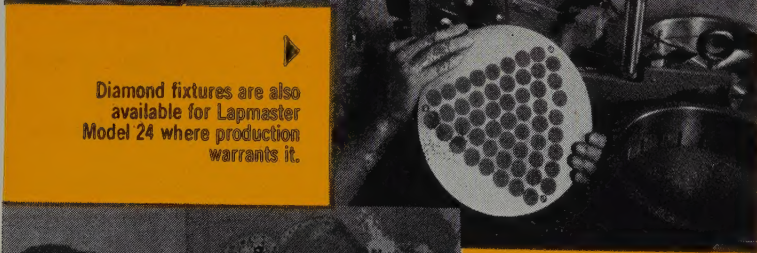
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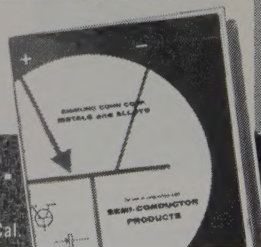


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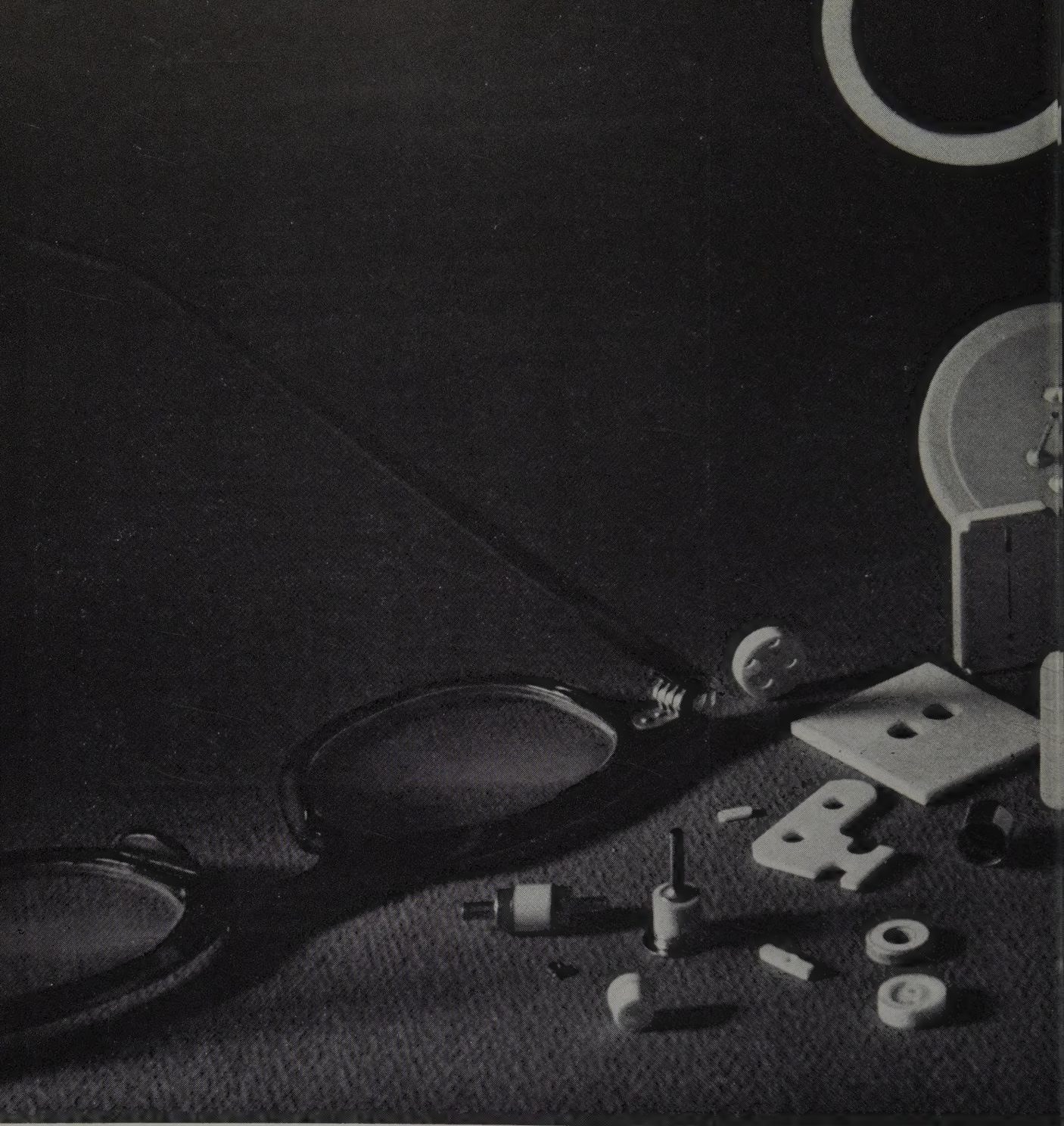
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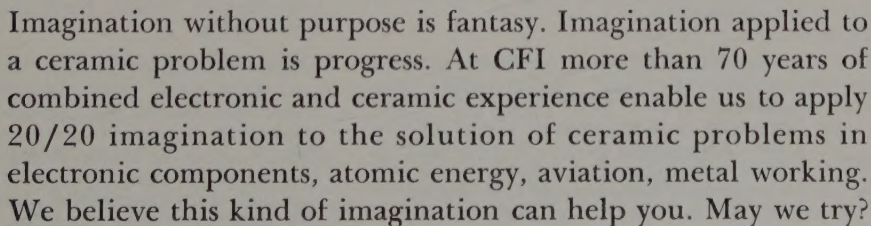





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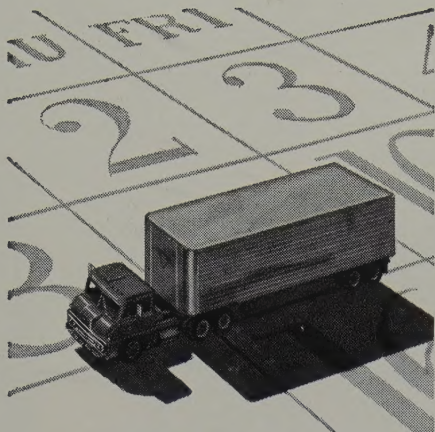


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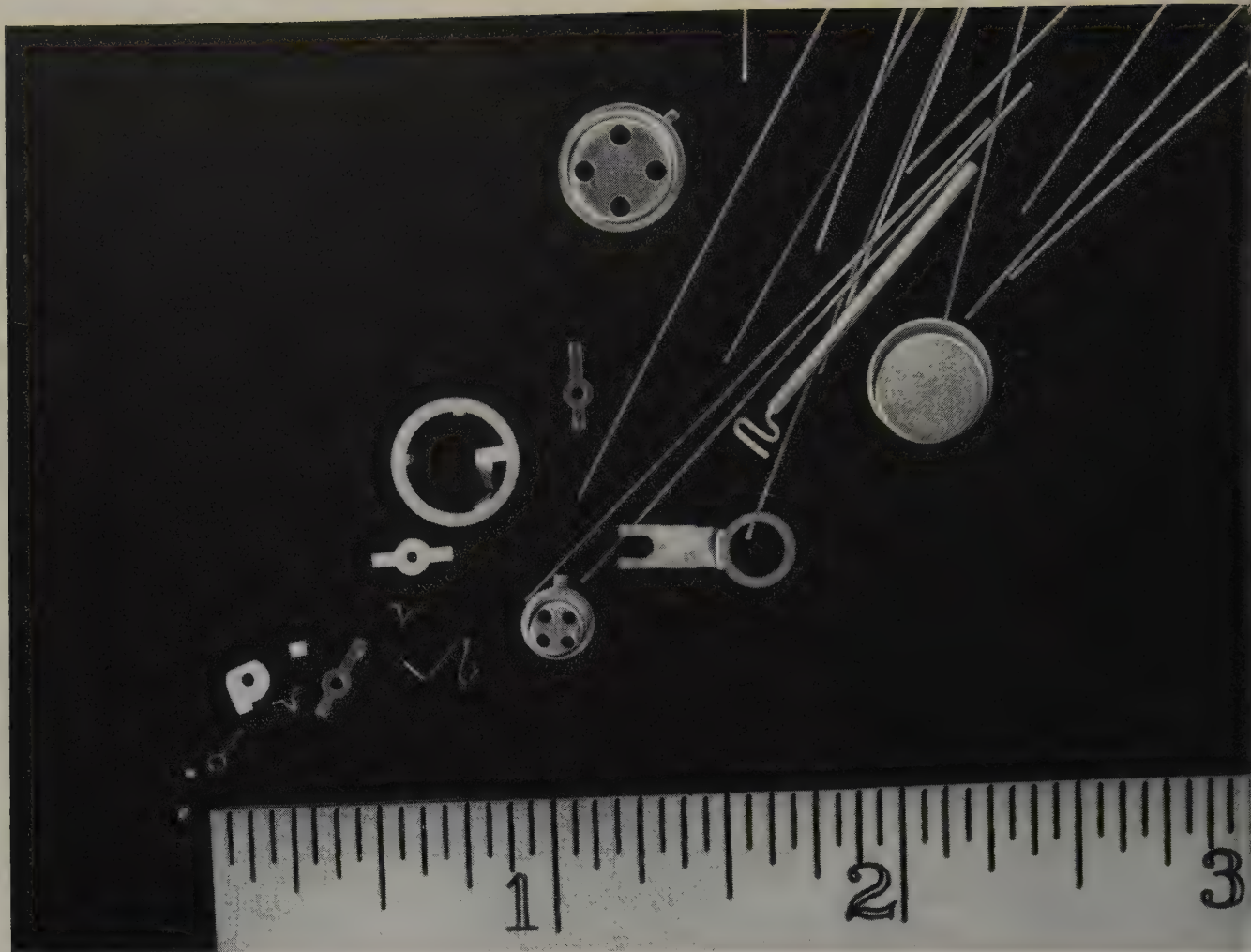
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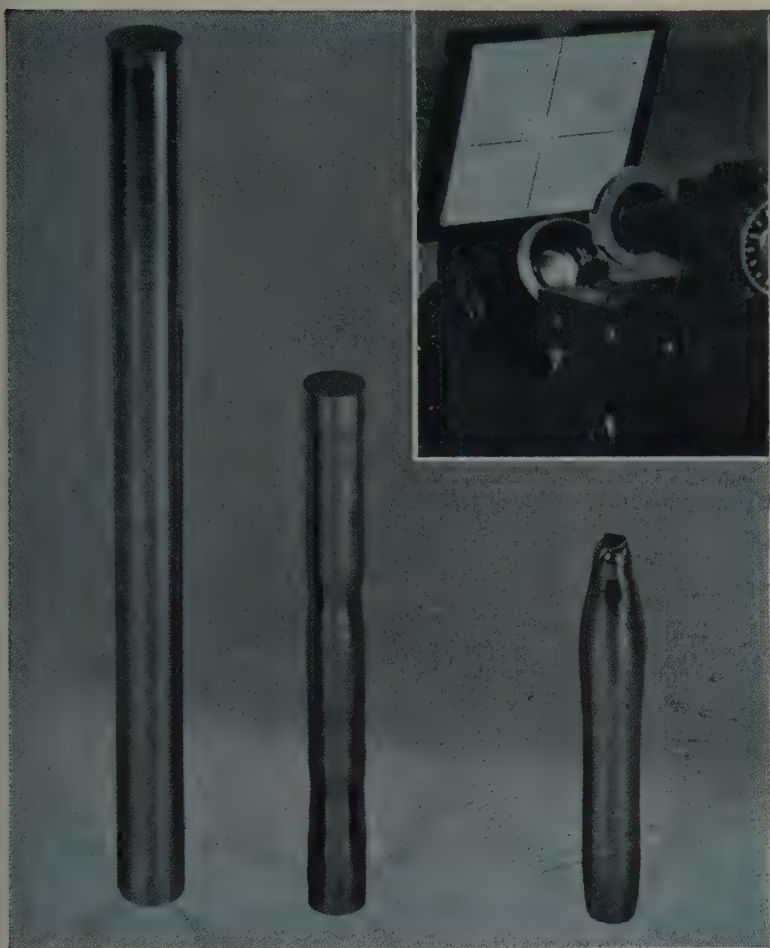
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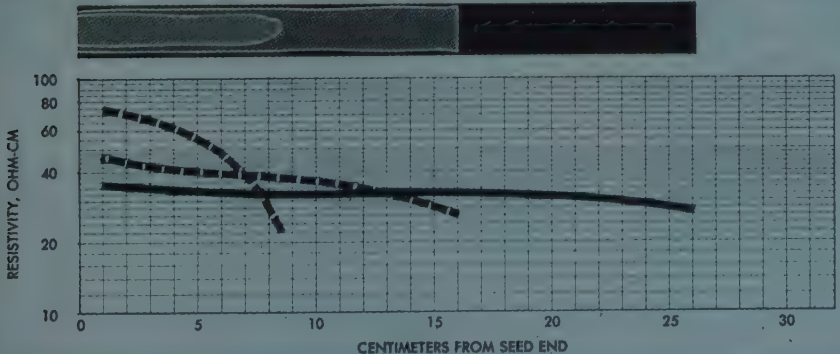
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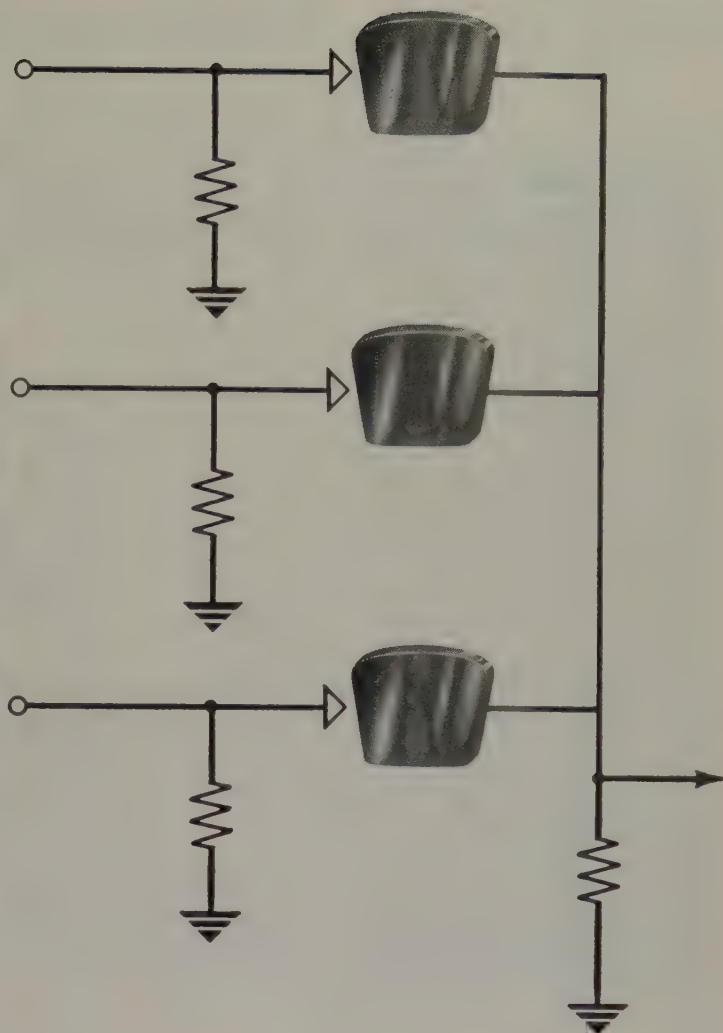
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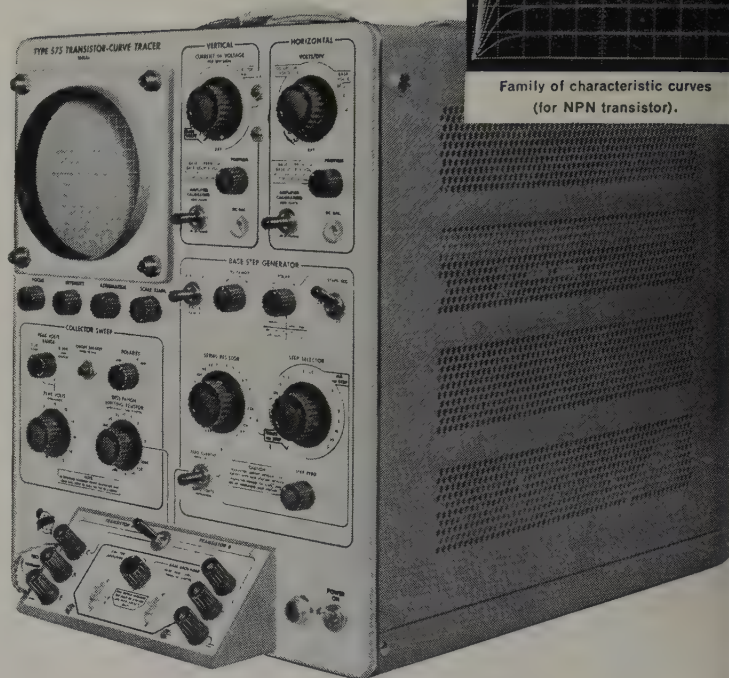
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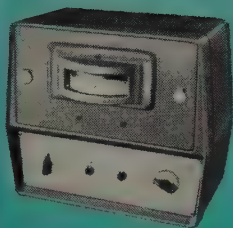
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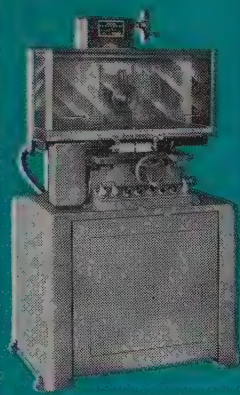
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- Nov. 6-8 Special Technical Conference on Non-Linear Magnetic Materials, Statler-Hilton, L. A. Sponsored by PGEC-PGIE, AIEE. For Information: Dr. Ted Bernstein, Space Technology Labs, POB 95001, L. A., 45, Cal.
- Nov. 13-16 7th Annual Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials, Hotel Westward Ho, Phoenix, Ariz. Sponsored by IRE, AIEE, AAAP, Phys., ONR, AIME. For Information: F. E. Luborsky, G.E. Res. Lab., POB 1088, Schenectady, N. Y.
- Nov. 14-16 NEREM (Northeast Research & Engineering Meeting), Somerset Hotel & Commonwealth Armory, Boston, Mass. Sponsored by Region 1. For Information: F. K. Willenbrock, Pierce Hall, Harvard Univ., Cambridge 38, Mass.
- Nov. 14 Symposium on Electronic Systems Reliability, Linda Hall Library Aud., 5109 Cherry, Kansas City, Mo. Sponsored by Kansas City Section. For Information: Arthur Goldsmith, Wilcox Electric, Kansas City, Mo.
- Nov. 20-21 Electron Devices Meeting, Shoreham Hotel, Wash., D. C. Sponsored by IRE/PGED.
- Nov. 24-25 American Physical Society Meeting, Chicago. Sponsored by AIS.
- Nov. 28-30 Winter Conference, EIA, Statler Hilton, L. A.
- Nov. 27-28 28th Exposition of Chemical Industries, New York Coliseum, N. Y. C.

A study of Research and Development in the Chicago-Area Electronics Industry is in its final stages at Northwestern University. Started early in 1961, it is scheduled for completion in time for the results to be presented at the National Electronics Conference in October. It was initiated by the Professional Group on Engineering Management (PGEM) of the Institute of Radio Engineers and has been sponsored by the National Electronics Conference and supported by grants from more than 25 Chicago electronic companies. The project is under the direction of Albert H. Rubenstein, Professor of Industrial Engineering at Northwestern University. The study is aimed at a better understanding of the relationships between the following factors in the Chicago-Area Electronics Industry: management attitudes toward research, attitudes of the financial community, research climate in the community, resources allocated to and constraints imposed upon company research and development, R and D capabilities in the Chicago area, R and D achievements of Chicago companies, and economic results (primarily rate of growth).



Essential terms for the purchase by Raytheon of the real estate, physical facilities, and certain inventories from BS Electronics have been agreed upon, it was jointly announced recently by Richard E. Krafve, president of Raytheon Company and Clarence H. Hopper, president of BS Electronics. The agreement was reached following BS Electronics' decision to discontinue its semiconductor operations.

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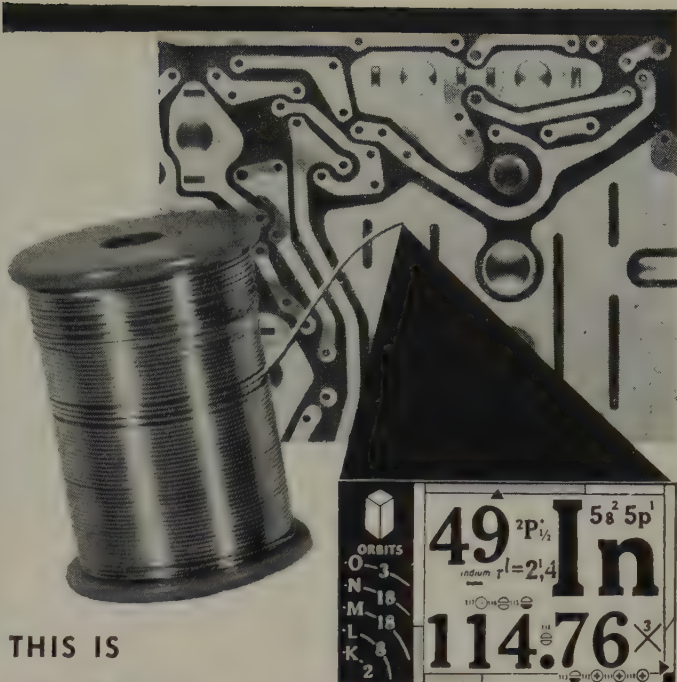
### RESEARCH and DEVELOPMENT

An electroluminescent crossed grid display device, a 12" x 16" panel, was described recently by engineers of Sylvania Electric Products Inc. The new panel is composed of four individual crossed grids, with a resolution of 6 lines per inch, and demonstrates the feasibility of manufacturing even larger units employing a modular building block construction. To overcome the difficulty of interconnecting panels to form an electrical path, each line of the crossed grid is continued around and to the back of each panel. The panels are then affixed to Sylvania-designed connector boards which permit ease of servicing and adjustment. Joining small electroluminescent panels into a continuous large display, demands extreme accuracy of panel size, and according to the company, they have achieved this accuracy within .002" of the required dimensions.

A solid-state microwave transmitter for space communications was announced recently by General Telephone & Electronics Corporation. The transmitter, less than the size of a cigarette carton, occupies about one-seventh the space, has 11 times the life expectancy, and ten times the frequency stability of conventional transmitters. The transmitter could be combined with a solid-state ultra-reliable radio receiver developed earlier by GT&E to form a complete space communications system. The system would be used for space probes, or would be a major element in a satellite communications system used to transmit telephone conversations, business data, or television programs on a world-wide basis, utilizing satellites 22,300 miles above the earth as relay stations.

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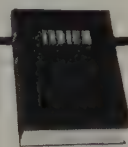
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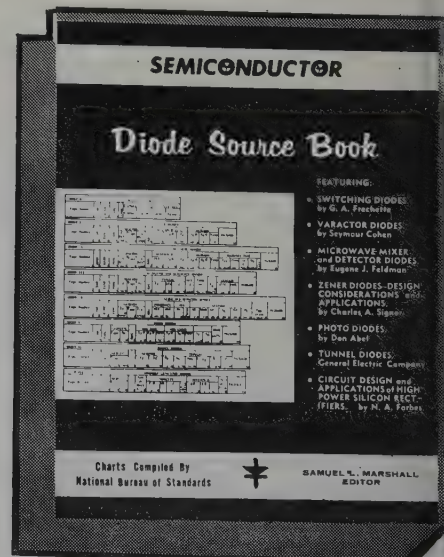
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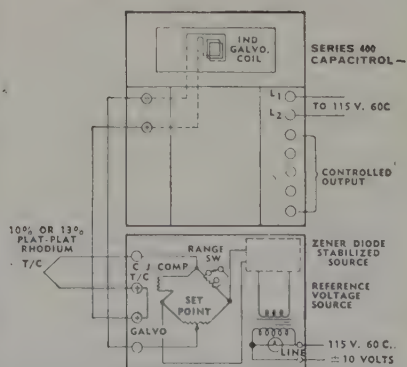
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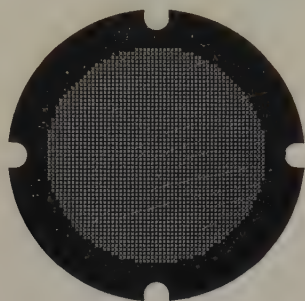
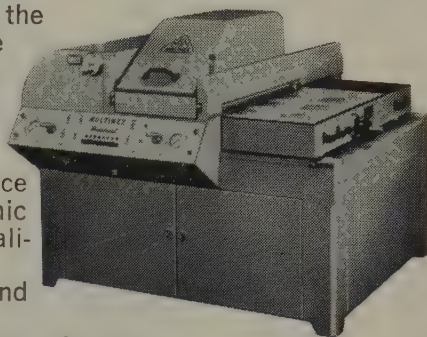
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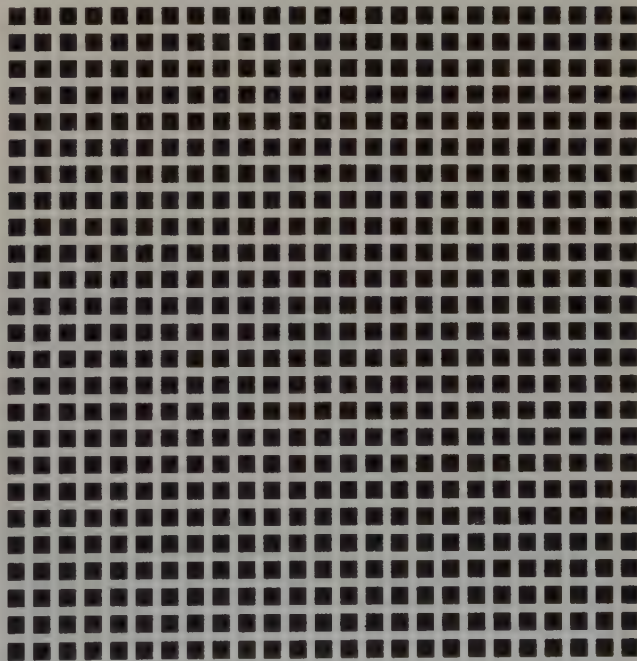
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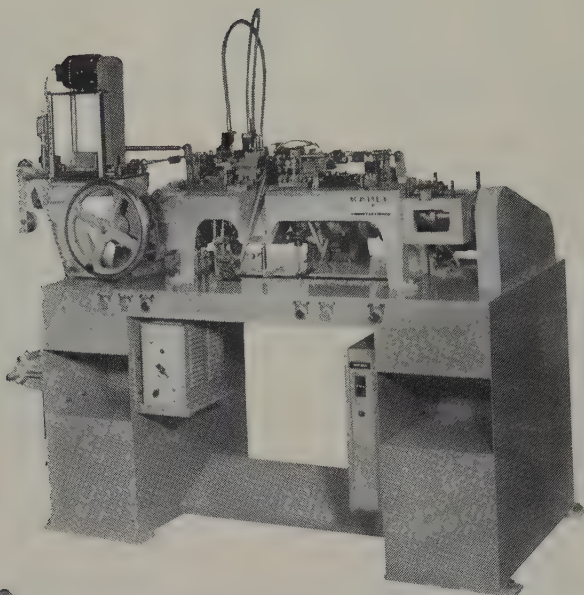
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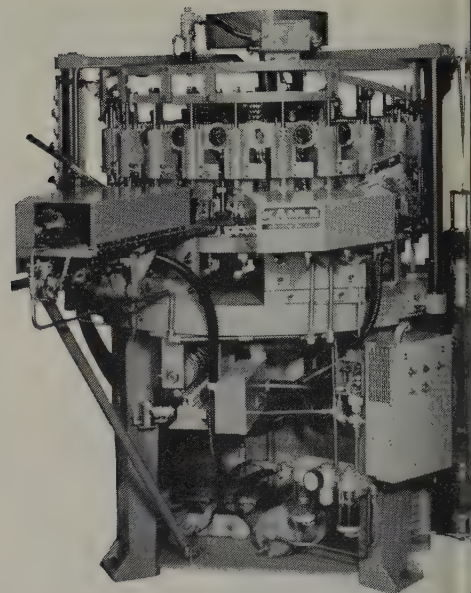
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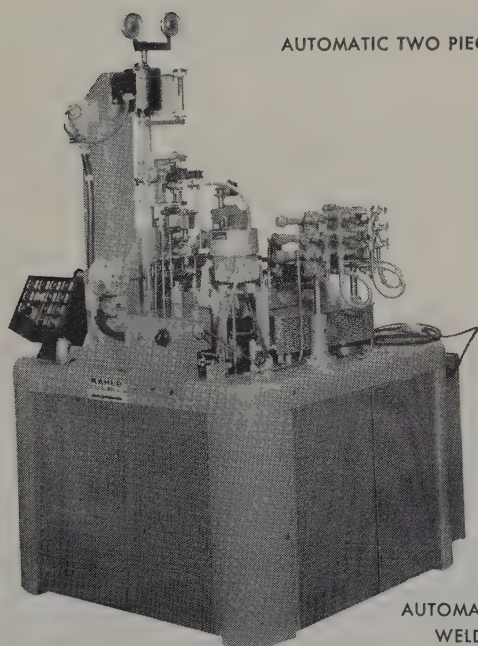




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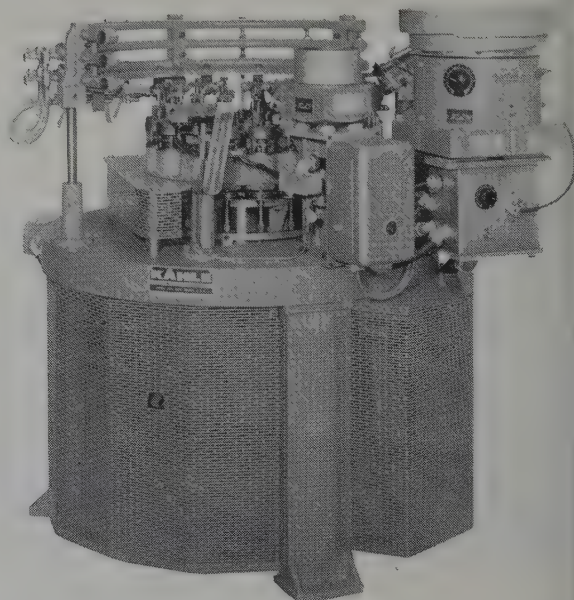
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## Energy Converters

To permit an efficient utilization of the process, energy in the form of radiation, heat, chemical action, nuclear action, mechanical action, etc., generally must be converted into electrical form. Various novel conversion processes have been developed using photoelectric, thermoelectric, thermionic, and magnetohydrodynamic devices. In addition, systems based on the Curie inversion temperature and on antistokes fluorescence have been proposed.

The methods based on photoelectric and on thermoelectric devices are of particular interest to the semiconductor art. Photoelectric devices utilize the photovoltaic effect obtained at a p-n junction diode when radiation is incident on a region including the depletion layer. The useful radiation is that in which the wavelength is less than  $ch/qV_g$ , where  $V_g$  is the semiconductor gap and  $q$ ,  $h$  and  $c$  are respectively electron charge, Planck's constant and velocity of light.

For example for germanium  $\lambda_{\max} \cong 1.7 \mu$ , and for silicon  $\lambda_{\max} \cong 1.12 \mu$ . Since the radiation spectrum of a black body is a function of temperature, only a fraction of the incident radiation energy can be converted, depending on the temperature of the black body and on the energy gap. In addition, even for photons of wavelength less than  $\lambda_{\max}$ , the quantum efficiency is generally less than unity.

Assuming that the quantum efficiency is unity, it is found that the maximum current density obtainable with a silicon diode under bright sunlight at sea level is 440 A/sq. m, and that obtainable with a germanium diode is 680 A/sq. m. Using semiconductors with even lower gap  $V_g$ , a current density of 800 A/sq. m could be approached. However, the available power is dependent upon the current and the voltage.

Since the latter increases with  $V_g$ , an optimum value of  $V_g$  may be computed.

In idealized conditions a value of 1.3 eV is found. For this reason, silicon is considered the most suitable semiconductor for this application. Silicon solar cells have been built with a conversion efficiency of the order of 10% (theoretical maximum 20%), and a weight per kilowatt ratio of about 1000 lb/kw. Current efforts are directed at increasing the efficiency by growing more perfect crystals and by using such semiconductor compounds as GaAs and CdS. The best predicted results are of the order of 120 lb/kw.

Thermoelectric devices utilize the thermoelectric emf produced in a circuit of two different metals or semiconductors, the contacts of which are at different temperatures. This effect is caused by the variation of the Fermi levels with temperature, and by the drift of free carriers from high to low temperature regions. The variation of Fermi levels with temperature is larger in semiconductors than in metals, and even the drift motion of electrons takes place more freely in semiconductors. As a result the latter are found useful for the design of energy converters. For example lead telluride compounds possess practical energy conversion efficiencies of the order of 10% (theoretical value 30-40%) and a weight per kilowatt ratio of the order of 65 lb/kw. Lower specific weights are expected with continued improvements.

In closing, it must be pointed out that other types of energy converters appear even more promising than those described above. For example, thermionic generators, utilizing a diode in a plasma atmosphere, have efficiencies of the order of 4-10% (theoretical value 40%) and a weight per kilowatt ratio of only 1 lb/kw.



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### Czochralski Technique

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This article discusses the various aspects of induction heating as it pertains to its use in the Czochralski technique for growing semiconductor crystals. The general design parameters of the induction coil are given, as well as a discussion on temperature control. Also mentioned is a brief explanation of the theory of induction heating.

IN APPLYING RADIO-FREQUENCY induction heating in the semiconductor industry a number of problems are encountered with enough similarity to warrant their classification as general problem-types. In the classification, individual problems can be grouped according to the extent to which they involve these five aspects of function:

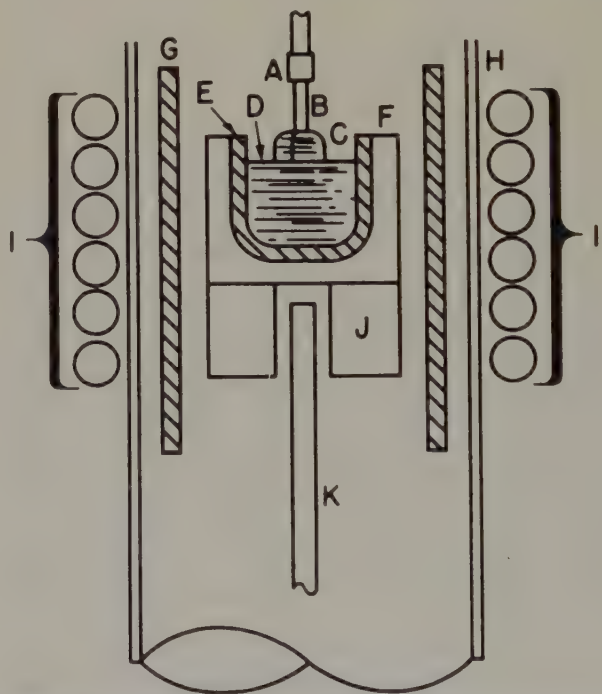
1. Heat distribution
2. Loading the *r-f* generator
3. Coil design
4. Radiation losses
5. Temperature control

Of these, problems of heat distribution and loading are closely related to coil design. Problems of radiation losses, although not electrical are quite important since they govern the size of the power source required more than anything else. Listed last but probably most important of the group is temperature control.

#### The Furnace

The basic vertical crystal-pulling furnace, shown schematically in *Fig. 1*, is used to obtain a single crystal of silicon or germanium from a polycrystalline raw material. A quartz crucible, E, is shown for use with silicon. It is not normally used when germanium is being processed. Also shown in this figure is the sapphire rod, K, which is used for temperature sensing. A thermocouple mounted in the graphite crucible could just as easily be used for temperature sensing or an optical sensing device might be used. Induction heating is the heating of a conducting material by means of the power loss in this conducting material showing up as the  $I^2R$  loss in the material, where the current is caused to flow by means of

an induced voltage in the material. To elaborate on this, it may be seen, in referring to *Fig. 1*, that the inductor coil I has an alternating current flowing through it. This sets up an alternating magnetic field which will induce a potential into any conducting material which is in the field. The closest conducting material to the coil is the graphite crucible holder F. The only other conducting material in the magnetic



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| A — Chuck for holding seed crystal.     | F — Graphite crucible holder. |
| B — Seed crystal.                       | G — Heat shield.              |
| C — Partially grown single crystal.     | H — Furnace enclosure.        |
| D — Molten silicon (or germanium).      | I — Inductor coil.            |
| E — Quartz crucible (for silicon only). | J — Crucible support.         |
|   | K — Sapphire rod.             |

Fig. 1—Typical Czochralski furnace.

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field is the molten silicon but this usually does not heat inductively—as will be described later. The potential appearing across the impedance of the crucible holder  $F$  causes a current to flow around the periphery of the holder. This current flowing through the resistance of the crucible holder periphery causes a power loss on the surface of the crucible holder which shows up as a temperature rise. This temperature rise on the surface is then conducted into the quartz crucible and finally to the silicon itself. Because of the temperature differential between the crucible holder and the furnace enclosure  $H$ , radiation of heat becomes a very serious problem. The purpose of the heat shield  $G$  is to reduce the radiated energy at high temperatures. For the temperature of the crucible to rise it is necessary to put more power into the crucible than is radiated from the crucible. This may sound rather elementary—however, it is very often neglected when considering a heating problem. It is especially important where a relatively low mass is heated to relatively high temperatures, as is usually the case in semi-conductor work. The actual thermal power required to melt several hundred grams of silicon in 15 minutes is approximately 1 kw, whereas the radiation from the surface of the crucible holder is usually a number of kilowatts.

Because a high frequency is usually used for heating the graphite crucible holder in this operation, there is a definite tendency to obtain a “skin effect” on the holder. This depth of current penetration is easy to calculate using the formula  $\delta = 1.98 \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}}$

where  $\delta$  is the depth of current penetration in inches,  $\rho$  is the resistivity in micro-ohm centimeters and  $f$  is the frequency in cycles per second. From this it becomes apparent that the depth of penetration changes during the heating because the resistivity of the graphite changes. With a resistivity of 920 micro ohm-cm for graphite at 1400 degrees C and standard frequency of 450,000 cps the depth of penetration is .089 inch. From this it is obvious that at this frequency and with relatively thick crucible holders practically none of the magnetic field and consequently none of the heating occurs in the silicon itself. It may also be deduced that there will be no stirring or agitation of the melt due to the magnetic field.

### The R. F. Coil and Temperature Distribution

In induction heating the inductor coil (which, incidentally, is almost always copper tubing with water flowing through it) is usually a loosely wound, loosely coupled coil. This may be seen in Fig. 1. However, to understand why a coil heats the way it does, the coil and susceptor are redrawn in Fig. 2. Susceptor is merely the name of any material in the magnetic field which will heat, i.e., it is susceptible to the  $r$ -f energy. In this case, the susceptor is the

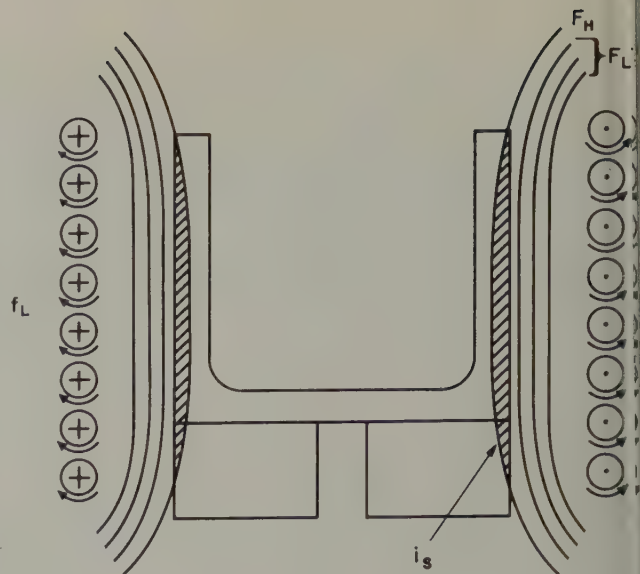


Fig. 2—Flux paths around a susceptor.

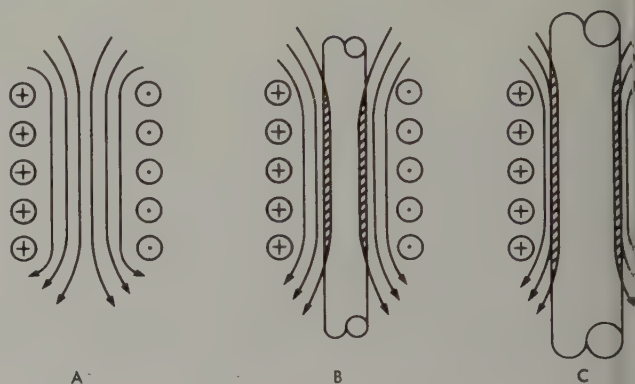


Fig. 3—Flux paths with various couplings to the susceptor.

crucible holder and support which are both made of graphite.

As in any coil with current flowing through it, a magnetic field is set up around each turn of the wire. This field or flux is represented by the arrows encircling the turns with  $f_L$  representing leakage flux,  $F$  total flux,  $F_L$  total leakage flux and  $F_H$  the flux actually passing through the susceptor. In this relation  $F = F_L + F_H$ . The  $F_H$ , in the case of an alternating current flowing through the coil, induces a current in the susceptor. This current, flowing in the opposite direction to  $i_c$  and thus sets up a field of its own which opposes the flux field set up by the coil. This field is great enough in the case of the high currents used in induction heating to greatly distort the field set up by the coil and to cause a very high percentage of the total flux to appear as total leakage flux,  $F_L$ . For this reason very high kva transformers are required so that reasonable quantities of power may be developed in these low power factor circuits. Before this fact is elaborated on it may

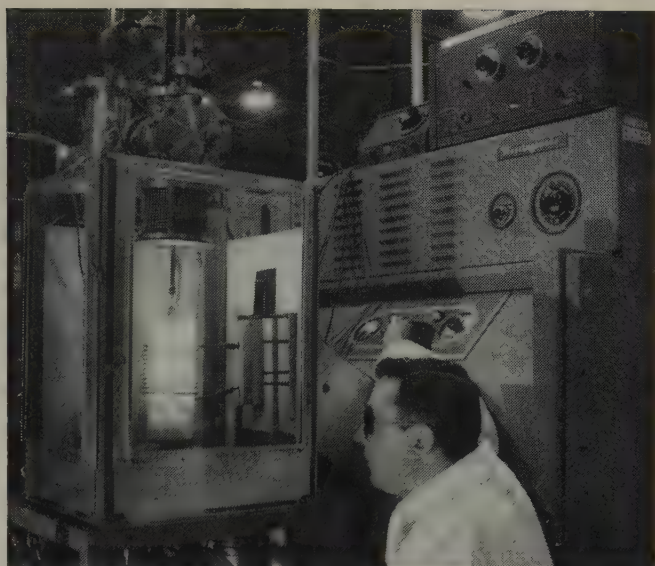


well to look at Fig. 3, which shows three coils and their flux paths. Fig. 3a is the coil with no susceptor, Fig. 3b is coil and susceptor with loose coupling, and Fig. 3c is with tight coupling.

As may be seen in Fig. 3a the flux inside the coil is relatively uniform except at the ends of the coil where the flux lines no longer run parallel to the length of the coil but curve around the coil. In Fig. 3b a conducting nonmagnetic material is placed inside the coil but with a rather large radial clearance between the coil and work. In this case most of the flux is forced between the coil and the material with relatively little flux entering the material. What flux does enter the material, however, goes to a depth of  $\delta$  which was defined earlier as the depth of current penetration. Now in the case of Fig. 3c we have the condition known as tight (or close) coupling where the radial clearance between coil and material is small. In this case, a considerably greater amount of the flux is forced into the material but still only to the same depth  $\delta$ . Thus, it becomes apparent that for a given frequency and voltage across the coil the amount of power induced into the material will be greater for Fig. 3c than for Fig. 3b. Another important phenomenon which occurs in a close-coupled coil is that a greater amount of heating will appear immediately under the turns of the coil. This is due to two factors. One is that the frequency used gives such a low figure for  $\delta$  that the spacing between turns of the coil is greater than this value. The current flow through the work cannot be uniform if it is not induced uniformly to begin with. The second factor is that it is not induced uniformly because the leakage flux is greater between the turns of the coil than immediately under the turns of the coil. This may better be shown in Fig. 4.

The excessive heating underneath the turns of the coil is greatly minimized if not completely eliminated when the coil is loosely coupled. This occurs because the field between the coil and the susceptor becomes fairly uniform as the radial spacing increases.

This phenomenon is thus very important in semiconductor work where a crucible must be heated to very uniform and precise temperatures. In many instances, however, a definite temperature taper is desired. From the above discussion it becomes apparent that there are two ways to accomplish this. One is to increase the radial clearance between the coil and susceptor, allowing more flux leakage where the clearance is greater and thus inducing less power into that portion of the susceptor. This is usually not done because it necessitates the use of a tapered coil which is not the easiest type to build. The other method is to merely increase the longitudinal spacing of the coil turns at one end. This reduces the heating at that end simply from the fact that less flux is generated per given length. This type of coil modification is quite simple and is the method usually used.



Crystal pulling furnace at the Westinghouse Semiconductor Dept., Youngwood, Pa. The furnace uses a 10 WK, 450 kc power supply. Programmed control continuously monitors the crystal growing process.

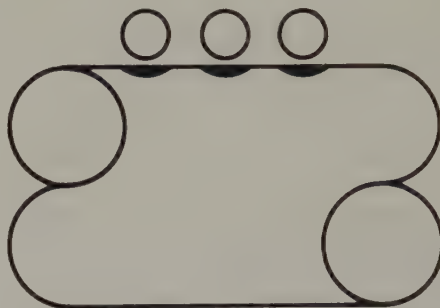


Fig. 4—Effect of close coupling on temperature distribution.

It was mentioned earlier that the flux lines start expanding as they approach the end of the coil. This is due to the fact that they are curving around the end of the coil and returning around and outside of the coil. The effect will be to reduce the amount of power induced in the work at this point since the density of flux per cubic inch of work is less. This may be compensated for by three different methods. Two of them were outlined just previously to get a tapered heat. That is, the coil could be pulled in closer to the work or the number of turns per inch could be increased. Either of these methods can result in a coil which will give reasonably good temperature distribution. However, they usually require a fair amount of "hand tailoring" to get what is desired. A simpler method and the one usually used is to increase the length of the coil beyond the work. Thus, the field is still relatively uniform where the work stops. A good rule of thumb for this length is to make the extended length equal to the radius of the coil. Of course, combinations of these various methods may be used where it is felt desirable. For



example, because of the furnace construction it may not be possible to get more than half the radius beyond the end of the crucible. In this case it would be highly desirable to increase the number of turns per inch as the end of the coil is approached.

### Power Factor

The term *kva* has been used several times and for one to understand the application of induction heating this should be elaborated upon. *kva* is actually the product of kilovolts times amperes. When referring to tank *kva* in an *r-f* generator this is the kilovolts available in the tank circuit times the circulating amperes in that same circuit. The work coil (or inductor) *kva* would of course be the voltage across the work coil times the current through the coil. Power is equal to *kva* times power factor. The power factor of the coil-crucible assembly is dependent upon the physical constants of the coil and crucible. These are the resistivity of the crucible, its dimensions, the radial clearance between coil and crucible, number of turns in the coil, length of the coil, and to a limited extent, the location of crucible in coil. Because the requirements of the crystal pulling furnace are established in advance, very few of the physical constants can be changed. The material of which the crucible is made is fixed. It must be large enough to hold the material to be melted, radial clearance is kept to a minimum, and since the crucible must be on the inside of the furnace structure and the coil on the outside, this is usually in the order of one inch; the number of turns in the coil is usually a maximum with a reasonable spacing of approximately  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch between turns and a reasonable size of copper tubing ( $\frac{1}{4}$  inch o.d. to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch o.d., with  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch being the most popular). The length of the coil is that which is necessary to get a proper heat pattern on the crucible and the location of the crucible is where the best heat pattern may be obtained. A typical silicon furnace powered with a 25 kw *r-f* generator may have a coil with 2000 volts across it and 200 amperes through it. This would give 400 *kva* in the coil. Now, if this is loading 15 kw from the generator then the power factor would be

$$\frac{15}{400} \times 100 = 3.7 \text{ percent. Typical power factors for}$$

crystal pulling furnaces are from about 1 percent to 8 or 9 percent. Because of these extremely low power factors the *r-f* generators must be designed with high tank *kva* in order to be able to draw the full power from the generator. A typical tank value for a 25 kw generator is 2100 *kva*. This would allow a coil with a power factor of only 1.2 percent to draw full power from the generator.

### Voltage

Another important design consideration is to keep the voltage across the coil as low as possible. High voltage across the coil causes undesirable results such as excessive ionization of the inert gas in the

furnace, arcing from sharp corners of the crucible and worst of all, the possibility of an arc between turns of the coil or from the coil to the ionized gas in the furnace. These last two mentioned arcs usually throw an overload on the generator and cause the protective devices in the generator to remove plate voltage from the oscillator. When this occurs there is a good chance of the melt freezing and thus causing the loss of hundreds of dollars worth of material and set-up time. There is the possibility that the copper tubing will be punctured by the arc and then water will spray from the coil onto the hot furnace. There is also a good chance that the furnace chamber will be punctured by the arc and thus necessitate a costly repair. As was stated earlier for a given coil and crucible configuration a certain *kva* is required. This *kva* may come from either high voltage and low current or vice versa. The latter, of course, is the more desirable. In other words, the *r-f* generator should be run with a rather high *r-f* current (close to maximum), and the coil design should be such that only enough voltage is developed across the coil to accomplish the desired heating effect. It is entirely possible that the coil when placed across the generator, does not draw close to full current and the voltage across the coil is not adequate to accomplish the desired heating. This may be compensated for rather easily by adjusting the tap on the tank coil. Fig. 5 shows the schematic of a typical oscillator for induction heating.

### Frequency

It may be noted that the work coil WC, the tank coil TC, and the grid drive coil GD are all in series and together form the inductance in the tank circuit. The tank capacitor CAP is across this inductance and they resonate at the operating frequency of the generator. A certain *r-f* voltage,  $E_{rf}$  appears across the tank and is divided among the three coils in series. It may be seen that if some of the tank coil turns are shorted that more of the  $E_{rf}$  will appear across GD and WC. This of course will also lower the inductance of the tank circuit and thus raise the frequency of the generator. A higher *r-f* current will then flow due to the reduced reactance of the tank

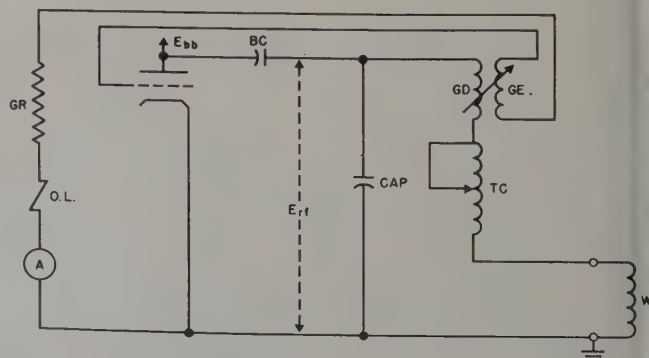


Fig. 5—Typical oscillator schematic.



capacitor. These effects put more *kva* into the work coil, more power into the work, and consequently more power is drawn from the generator. As noted, when the work coil is changed or when the tank coil taps are changed, a change in frequency occurs. The frequency of operation is usually not too critical. The major restrictions on frequency should be a maximum of 490 kc due to F.C.C. restrictions and a minimum of such value that adequate grid excitation current is obtained. This is usually down around 200 to 250 kc. Some generators are designed to go down to as low as 200 kc by changing taps on the grid excitation coil and thus having more turns. Since depth of current penetration varies inversely as the square root of the frequency, it can be seen that by going from 450 kc down to 225 kc the depth of penetration will increase by a factor of 1.414.  $\delta$  will increase from .09 at 450 kc to .13 inches at 225 kc. At first glance this may seem like a significant change, but from a thermal standpoint, it has little meaning. This may be explained by assuming a crucible of a typical diameter, such as 2½ inches. Heat at the center of the crucible must get there by conduction from the surface minus the value of  $\delta$ . Thus in one case conduction is over a distance of 1.16 inches and in the other case, conduction is over a distance of 1.12 inches. This is an improvement of only about 3.5 percent.

#### Heat Radiation

Radiation losses are a major problem when high temperature work is carried on. Since these losses go up directly with the fourth power of the absolute temperature, it becomes apparent that they are very significant at 1400 degrees C. Besides requiring a large r-f generator power source to supply these losses, the radiation is an annoyance to the operator of the furnace and causes overheating of various components of the furnace.

It is an absolute necessity to place a radiation shield around the graphite crucible to cut down losses to the point where a reasonable sized generator may be used. The shield is usually a tubular section of aluminum oxide approximately ⅛ inch in wall thickness and of such dimensions that there is a small amount of radial clearance between the crucible and the shield. Sometimes opaque quartz is used for a radiation shield. These nonconducting materials have several advantages over metallic shields. They do not have to be split and are thus quite rigid, they are relatively inexpensive and easy to replace, and they can operate at high temperatures with no damage. Occasionally, a tantalum sheet bent around the furnace is used as a shield. This has the disadvantage of having to be split to avoid induction heating and it must be kept relatively cool if it is to maintain its shiny surface and thus its maximum efficiency. Gold is also sometimes used. This has the same disadvantages as tantalum, however, it can be deposited directly on the quartz furnace structure

and thus maximum rigidity is maintained.

To cut down the radiant heat, a double wall furnace structure is sometimes used and water is circulated between the double walls. This cuts down the heat around the furnace, making it more comfortable for the operator, as well as helping to keep the various components cool. If a metallic shield is used, the water wall can be used to cool the shield. This construction has two distinct disadvantages. One is that there is always the danger that the internal tube can break and flood the hot crucible with water. This of course can be extremely dangerous. The other disadvantage is that a double wall obviously requires more radial clearance between the coil and the crucible. This will give the system a lower power factor and more *kva* will be required at the coil to attain the necessary heat.

For some unapparent reason, when a wall of water is used between the coil and crucible, ionization of the inert gases inside the furnace is not as prevalent.

An adaptation of the water wall is to surround the inductor coil itself with water. By doing this a major portion of the radiant heat is eliminated but without the disadvantage of increasing the radial clearance of the coil. There is some minor arcing and "spitting" due to conduction of electricity through the water, but this is of a minor nature if distilled or deionized water is used.

#### Controllers

To pull a satisfactory silicon crystal, a temperature of approximately 1420 degrees C is required and a control of  $\pm .2$  degrees C is desirable.

Several controllers have been designed specifically with this extreme precision in mind and some of the r-f generators available are designed with power controls to be compatible with these controllers to accomplish the end result.

Basically three types of controllers are available. These are:

1. Mechanical position adjusting
2. On-Off pulse control
3. Continuous electronic control

The first type is merely a controller which feeds a signal into a servopositioning motor which drives a mechanically-operated power control up or down, depending upon whether more or less heat is required. This type of control, although very desirable in many industrial applications, is of little use in present-day semiconductor work.

The second type of control is an *on-off* pulse control where the number of pulses per second remains constant but the duration of *on-time* for each pulse is changed according to the power requirements. This type of control was used extensively in early semiconductor work.

The third type of control is a continuous adjustment of power output with no mechanical coupling or linkages required. This control is used practically



exclusively in present-day semiconductor work. See Fig. 6. With this method, a continuous signal of from 0.5 milliamperes is received from the controller. This signal is then fed into a magnetic amplifier which amplifies the signal to a level necessary to control the power output of the *r-f* generator by means of saturable reactors. The control signal is a function of the temperature sensed by the radiation detection device. The entire system has a certain amount of thermal inertia which tends to damp short-term variations in the power due to line voltage fluctuations. Inertia will also slow down the recovery time when a fluctuation in output from the generator occurs. This of course is due to the fact that the control system cannot correct for a generator output change until this change shows up as a temperature change on the crucible. The short-time generator output change can be sensed by means of a pickup coil in close proximity to the *r-f* transmission line. The output from the pickup is rectified and fed into the temperature controller. Thus, any change in output from the generator is instantly sensed and is then corrected for by means of the same control sequence as occurs when a temperature change occurs. This extra feedback loop is highly desirable—since slight fluctuations in power line voltage are almost always occurring. Even if the line voltage regulation is quite poor this system will usually be able to compensate and maintain extremely close temperature control.

Temperature sensing may be accomplished by means of either a thermocouple or a radiation sensing device. The usual thermocouple combination used at these temperatures is platinum-platinum rhodium. The thermocouple, when used, is usually inserted into a hole drilled longitudinally and close to the surface of the graphite crucible. The thermocouple is inexpensive, rugged, and easy to replace but it has several decided disadvantages. It makes rotation of the crucible impossible; it senses the temperature only at the junction, and sometimes *r-f* energy is picked up by the thermocouple or its leads, causing trouble in the controller.

Radiation sensing devices do not have to be in close proximity to the crucible thus eliminating the *r-f* pickup problem. The device is usually focused on a fairly large area on the bottom of the crucible which allows it to integrate the radiant energy being emitted from the bottom. In this manner, if a slight change in the crucible occurs, such as a minor chip falling out, or a hot spot developing because of a fine crack, the over-all radiant energy reaching the sensing devices will show practically no change and the control continues to hold the correct temperature. By using a radiant sensing device, rotation of the crucible becomes possible. This is highly desirable because temperature around the periphery of the crucible can be held more uniform. The major disadvantage of a radiating sensing device is that energy must reach its sensitive thermopile through a lens

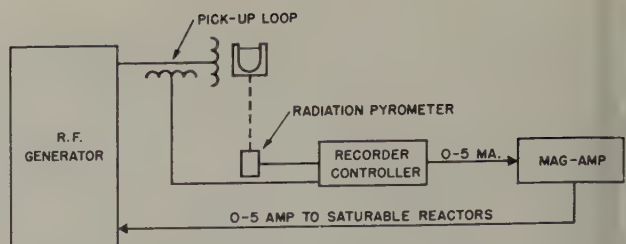


Fig. 6—Block diagram of a typical control system.

system and if this lens system is allowed to become dirty then the energy reaching the thermopile changes and an erroneous temperature indication is obtained. Fogging of the lens system can occur during a crystal pulling run while the furnace is sealed. This of course must be prevented as much as possible.

The usual procedure here is to allow some (or all) of the inert gas to flow over the lens, thus sweeping any solids away from the lens with the clean gas entering the system.

One type of radiation device available on the market uses a sapphire rod of about  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch diameter and any length up to about 18 inches as part of the lens system. The end of the rod is mounted in close proximity to the bottom of the crucible. In this type of system gas is not passed over the end of the rod and apparently fogging at the end is not too serious a problem.

### Resistance Versus Induction Heating

After this review of the principles of induction heating in the semiconductor industry, it may be useful to consider some of the advantages and disadvantages of induction heating, with particular reference to resistance heating.

Since the purity of the metals being processed must be high, every precaution must be exercised to prevent contamination. In this respect, the simplicity of induction heating equipment contributes greatly to effectiveness. The susceptor and its support are made of high-purity graphite, and the crucible, radiation shield and furnace enclosure are quartz, which is easy to clean. There is no need to bring high current leads to supply power for heating into the furnace enclosure; the heated portion (the susceptor) does not have spirals cut into it as does a resistance heater, and thus is infinitely easier to clean; and the simple construction of the susceptor which has no leads attached makes it easy and inexpensive to replace if there is any question of contamination in the graphite.

Inherent in the design of a resistance furnace is greater thermal inertia which is evident as a more sluggish temperature control cycle. Temperature rise is slower and the tendency to overshoot on temperature is greater. As a result, the initial meltdown takes considerably more time, the temperature control during the crystal pulling run is not quite as good



and it takes more time for the furnace to cool down to dismantling temperature after the run.

From the standpoint of initial cost, a resistance furnace is usually somewhat more expensive than a comparable induction furnace. The reason is that a resistance furnace is usually housed in a somewhat massive stainless steel container on which water-cooling tubes are brazed at various locations. As a result, it is an expensive, though well built and durable, type of structure as compared with the simple induction furnace. The pulling mechanism in either case would be the same. Rotation of the crucible in the case of the resistance furnace would be difficult and is usually not attempted.

The usual type of resistance heating coil is a single-phase helix which draws a heavy single-phase load from the power line, unbalancing the three-phase supply. Although this can be compensated for by operating three furnaces from three separate phases, it is unlikely that all three furnaces would be shut down at the same time, so that there would still be periods of unbalance. On the other hand, all induc-

tion units except very small ones are designed for three-phase operation.

Once a resistance furnace is built for a certain material, it is quite difficult to modify the furnace for new parameters. On the other hand, the induction furnace can be operated with different size melts and different temperatures with few if any problems with each change.

However, a major advantage of resistance heating over induction heating is in the cost of the generating equipment, an advantage that is partly overcome by the higher cost of the furnace in the initial installation. The actual operating cost of a resistance furnace is however, greater because replacement parts in the furnace are expensive and are rather frequently required and since meltdown and cooldown times are considerably longer, the operator cost is greater. Power consumption of an r-f generator is greater than a resistance furnace, but this differential is virtually negligible in practice. At one cent per kilowatt hour the power cost to pull a typical crystal using induction heating would be only about 50 cents.



## High Speed Circuit Breakers

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The normal fuse or circuit breaker does not act with sufficient speed to give adequate protection for some devices. For most cases a rather severe overload must occur before any protection is afforded due to the lack of precision in setting the trigger point. Utilizing the highly stable peak current of tunnel diodes, a high speed circuit breaker which offers protection for a ten percent overload may be designed. The elapsed time before the current is returned to the design level may be made under a microsecond, even for severe overloads. Additional features gained are stability with temperature and vibration, and the ability to trigger or reset the breaker from a remote point.

SOME CIRCUITS DEMAND HIGH SPEED operation if any degree of protection is to be provided. Ordinary fuses and circuit breakers require too much time before they act, and the accuracy of the limit current value leaves much to be desired. Since no sharply defined limit current exists, only severe overload protection is afforded. By utilizing the highly stable peak current of tunnel diodes, a high speed circuit breaker may be designed to be capable of protection from only 10 percent overload or less.

Other added features which will be described are temperature stability, low current protection below 100 microamperes, and the ability to reset by means of a trigger pulse if desired.

In the following sections of this article the circuit will be described and a mathematical analysis will be

presented. Results from laboratory tests of the circuits will also be given.

### Basic Circuit

The basic diagram of the tunnel diode circuit breaker is shown in Fig. 1. Assumed direction of currents are shown. All formulas and analyses are consistent with these assumptions. Transistor  $Q_1$  is placed in series with the load and is controlled by the bias voltage across the tunnel diode. For load currents below the limit value,  $I_{LM}$ , the tunnel diode will remain in the low voltage state after the reset push button is depressed. Under this condition, voltage source,  $V_1$ , supplies enough base current,  $I_B$ , to saturate the transistor.

As the load current is increased, the current  $I_1$ , through the tunnel diode is also increased. If  $I_1$  attempts to exceed the peak current  $I_P$ , of the tunnel diode, switching action to the high voltage state will occur. The voltage across the tunnel diode subtracts

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from the supply voltage  $V_1$  and may thus reduce the base current of  $Q_1$  to a very low value or possibly even cause the emitter-base junction to be reverse-biased. With the base bias current removed, collector current ceases to flow and the load is disconnected from the supply voltages  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . Were it not for the presence of resistor  $R_2$ , the tunnel diode would switch back to the low voltage state as soon as the sum of the load current and  $I_B$  decreased below the valley current,  $I_V$ , of the tunnel diode.

### Analysis

The circuit breaker fires when current  $I_1$  attempts to exceed  $I_P$  of the tunnel diode. For the current flow assumed in Fig. 1:

$$I_1 = I_2 + I_E$$

$$= \frac{V_1 + V_2}{R_2} - I_B + I_L$$

or

$$I_{LM} = I_P + I_B - \left( \frac{V_1 + V_2}{R_2} \right)$$

The base current  $I_B$  must be chosen to saturate  $Q_1$  up to the maximum load current, or

$$-I_B = \frac{I_{LM}}{h_{FE}} (1 + k)$$

$h_{FE}$  here is the non-saturated value of the transistor current gain taken at a collector voltage,  $V_{CE}$ , and a collector current equal to  $I_{LM}$ . The constant "k" determines the degree of saturation produced in the transistor. For most transistors, a value of 0.5 is adequate for k, since this allows a 50 percent base overdrive. Should extremely low temperature operation (where  $h_{FE}$  decreases considerably for most transistors) be required, it may be necessary to use a slightly higher value of k.

For the circuit of Fig. 1, the value of  $I_B$  is given by the expression:

$$-I_B = \frac{+V_1 - V_F - V_{EB}}{R_1}$$

Zero base current will flow if  $V_F$ , the forward voltage of the tunnel diode is equal to the value of  $V_1$ . In silicon transistors (or less pronounced in germanium transistors), if the value of  $V_{BE}$  is less than a certain "knee" value,  $V_K$ , as shown in Fig. 2, conduction will be negligible. Thus it is only necessary for the sum of the tunnel diode forward voltage and  $V_K$  to be greater than  $V_1$  in order to turn off  $Q_1$ .

The series voltage drop across the circuit breaker for values of load current below the maximum limit may be approximated by:

$$V_S = V_F - V_{CE(sat)}$$

where  $V_F$  here is less than  $V_P$  of the tunnel diode (usually some 50 mV for germanium tunnel diodes) and the  $V_{CE(sat)}$  is measured at the current level of interest.

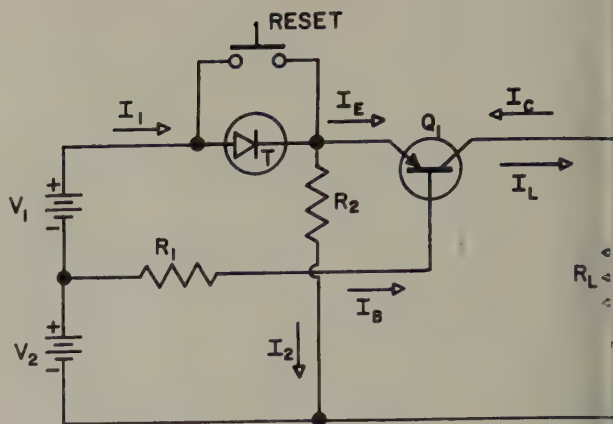


Fig. 1—Basic tunnel diode circuit breaker diagram

The value of  $I_{LM}$  will be slightly dependent on supply voltage,  $V$ . If the transistor used has a relatively high  $h_{FE}$  or if  $V_1$  is derived from a constant voltage source:

$$\theta = \frac{\% \text{ change in } I_{LM}}{\% \text{ change in } V} = \frac{1}{\frac{I_P}{I_2} - 1}$$

For most cases,  $I_P/I_2$  will be greater than two, thus causing  $\theta$  to be less than unity. It is seen that high stability in the value of  $I_{LM}$  is obtained when the value of  $I_2$  approaches  $I_V$  and the peak to valley ratio of the tunnel diode is high.

If  $V_1$  is not held constant or if the  $h_{FE}$  of the transistor is not high enough to neglect the base current, the value of  $\theta$  will be slightly larger than that indicated above. In an extreme case it may be twice the value given by the above equation. If wide variations in supply voltage are expected,  $V_1$  should be regulated to some degree or difficulty may arise in maintaining the proper "on" and "off" conditions.

Variations in  $I_{LM}$  with temperature will be mainly caused by changes in  $I_B$  as a result of a decrease in  $V_{EB}$  of the transistor. This may be compensated by developing the voltage  $V_1$  across a diode whose forward voltage changes in a similar manner.

### Design

Normal requirements for a circuit breaker would list a trigger current,  $I_{LM}$  and a supply voltage, ( $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ ). A complete design would thus consist of determining the required value of  $I_P$  and  $I_V$  for the tunnel diode, the values of resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , the portion of the supply voltage to be used for  $V_1$ , and the needed characteristics of transistor  $Q_1$ .

The first step must be the choice of tunnel diode since the other component values will be somewhat dependent on the parameters of the tunnel diode.

The value of  $I_P$  must be greater than the maximum load current,  $I_{LM}$ , by an amount equal to the sum of  $I_B$  and  $I_2$ . The minimum amount of  $I_2$  allowable is equal to the value of  $I_V$  of the tunnel diode. In most cases, the value of  $I_B$  will be only a small portion



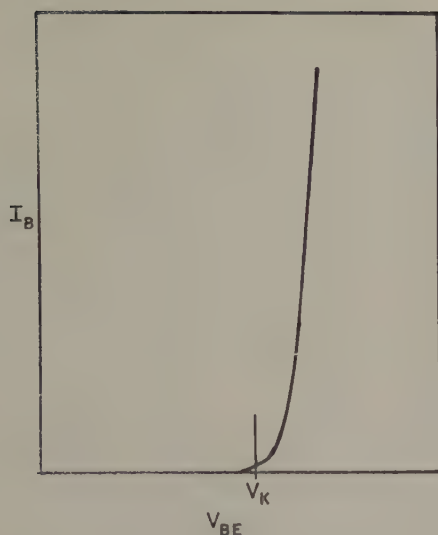


Fig. 2—Typical input characteristic of a silicon transistor.

the value of the maximum load current. If  $I_B$  may then be temporarily neglected, the requirements of the tunnel diode are that the difference between the values of  $I_P$  and  $I_V$  be greater than  $I_{LM}$ . It is advisable to choose a tunnel diode such that this difference is at least 20 percent greater than  $I_{LM}$  so that accurate adjustment may be made in the final value of  $I_{LM}$  by controlling  $I_2$ .

The transistor used must possess a usable  $h_{FE}$  at the maximum load current. The non-saturated  $h_{FE}$  of the transistor at a collector current of  $I_{LM}$  should normally be 30 or better, though transistors with lower values of  $h_{FE}$  can be used. The voltage rating of the transistor must be in excess of the value of  $V_1 + V_2$ . If the design is for a zero base current after triggering, then the voltage breakdown to be considered is  $BV_{CEO}$ . However, if a reverse  $V_{BE}$  exists in the triggered state, the lower of the  $V_{PT}$  or  $BV_{CBO}$  will be the limiting value.

Leakage currents of the transistor will not normally be a problem particularly if the design is such as to provide the reverse  $V_{BE}$  in the triggered state. If high temperature operation at low currents is desired, silicon transistors should be used.

If high speed is one of the requirements of the circuit breaker, then the transistor must also be capable of high speed operation. Of particular concern are the storage time and turn off time of the transistor. It is interesting to note that even low speed audio transistors will allow faster circuit breaker action than that of normal fuses and circuit breakers.

The next discussion necessary is that of a choice of  $V_1$ .  $V_1$  should be large enough to provide the required  $I_B$  when the tunnel diode is in the "off" or low voltage state, yet it should be less than the sum of the valley voltage of the tunnel diode and the value of  $V_K$  as shown in Fig. 2. The effects of temperature on the value of  $V_K$  (approximately 2.5 mV decrease per centigrade degree) should definitely be considered.

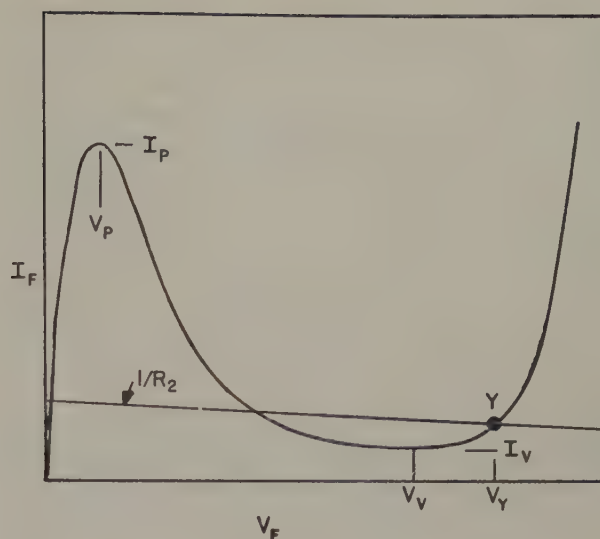


Fig. 3—Tunnel diode characteristic.

Figure 3 shows the characteristic of the tunnel diode. Of particular interest in making the choice of  $V_1$  are the voltages  $V_P$  and  $V_Y$ .  $V_P$  is the peak voltage of the tunnel diode and  $V_Y$  is the value of  $V_F$  for a practical bias point beyond the valley voltage. If a germanium transistor is used, it is convenient to make  $V_1$  slightly less than  $V_Y$  of the tunnel diode. If a silicon transistor is used, it becomes more convenient to make  $V_1$  slightly less than the sum of  $V_Y$  of the tunnel diode and  $V_K$  of the transistor input.

Gallium arsenide tunnel diodes exhibit a much higher valley voltage than germanium units. This allows a substantial reverse  $V_{BE}$  to be applied to a germanium transistor thus improving its breakdown voltage (unless  $V_{PT}$  is the limiting voltage for the transistor), its leakage current, and its switching speed. Two or more germanium tunnel diodes may be used in series with proper circuit modification to give a higher switching voltage.

The supply  $V_1$  may be obtained from the main supply voltage by use of a voltage divider. If the supply voltage varies appreciably, it may be desirable to provide either a separate supply for  $V_1$  or use a single zener diode regulator to provide a constant voltage from which  $V_1$  may be derived.

Resistor  $R_1$  should be selected to give the required base current for the transistor.

$$R_1 = \frac{V_1 - V_Y - V_{EB}}{-I_B}$$

$V_P$  is the peak voltage of the tunnel diode. The value of  $V_{EB}$  used should be that value required to force the desired  $I_B$  with a current equal to  $I_{LM}$  flowing in the collector, at the lowest temperatures to be considered. The value of  $I_B$  required is a function of  $I_{LM}$  and the  $h_{FE}$  of the transistor as described previously.

The final step is to determine the value of resistor  $R_2$ . In order to assure locking once the circuit breaker has been tripped, the current  $I_2$  must be maintained



at a level greater than the valley current of the tunnel diode. For the supply voltage levels normally used, this current will be very close to  $(V_1 + V_2)/R_2$ .

As suggested earlier, the tunnel diode should be chosen with an  $(I_P - I_V)$  greater than the value of  $I_{LM}$ . Then, by adjustment of the value of  $I_2$ , a precise setting of  $I_{LM}$  may be obtained.  $R_2$  may be calculated from the expression:

$$R_2 = \frac{V_1 + V_2}{I_P + I_B - I_{LM}}$$

It may be desirable to use an adjustable resistor for  $R_2$  to obtain accurate control of  $I_{LM}$ . The resistor dial markings may be calibrated in terms of  $I_{LM}$ .

### Practical Circuits

Using slight variations in the basic configuration of Fig. 1 can yield several useful circuits for current and voltage protection.

Figure 4 illustrates a simple low current circuit breaker which may be used when the supply voltage is regulated and where temperature excursions are not too severe. Proper choice of capacitor  $C_1$  will prevent transients from tripping the breaker yet with an overall response time in the neighborhood of a micro-second. The actual speed of this circuit will be limited by the transistor,  $Q_1$ .

High speed circuit breaker action is often desired where the supply voltage is not regulated. For this condition, the circuit of Fig. 5 may be used. The tunnel diode must be chosen with  $I_P$  equal to the desired  $I_{LM}$ .

The use of a diode for developing the emitter-base bias voltage gives adequate stability with supply voltage variation and for considerable temperature changes. Two diodes and a resistor network may be used if  $Q_1$  is a silicon transistor.

Locking action is obtained through the use of a resistor,  $R_2$ , shunting the collector. Normally  $Q_1$  is in a saturated condition and the equivalent d-c collector-emitter resistance is much smaller than  $R_2$ . Thus, for all practical purposes, resistor  $R_2$  is out of the circuit. Once the circuit breaker is tripped however,  $V_{CE}$  of  $Q_1$  increases and current will flow through  $R_2$ . This current must be made greater than the tunnel diode's valley current for locking.

If protection is desired from overvoltage of the supply, it is only necessary to place a zener diode across the load resistor.

Another configuration for use with an unregulated supply is shown in Fig. 6. The dial for potentiometer  $R_5$  may be calibrated directly in values of  $I_{LM}$ .

By additional circuit modification, the circuit breaker may be tripped or reset from a remote point by means of pulses. Self-resetting circuitry may be added such that as soon as the overload is removed, power will be restored.

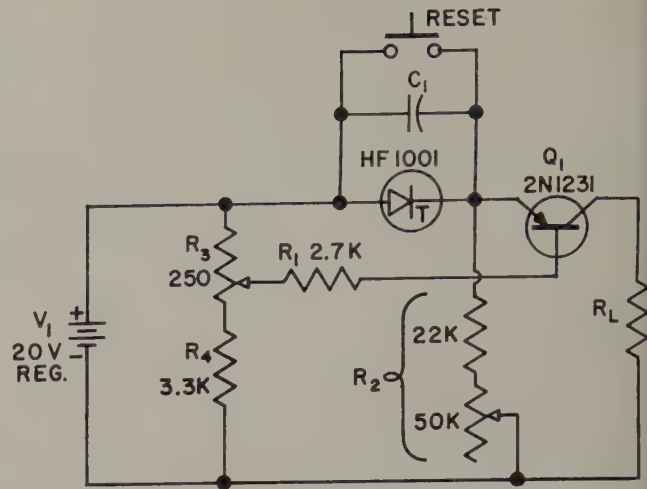


Fig. 4—One milliamper circuit breaker.

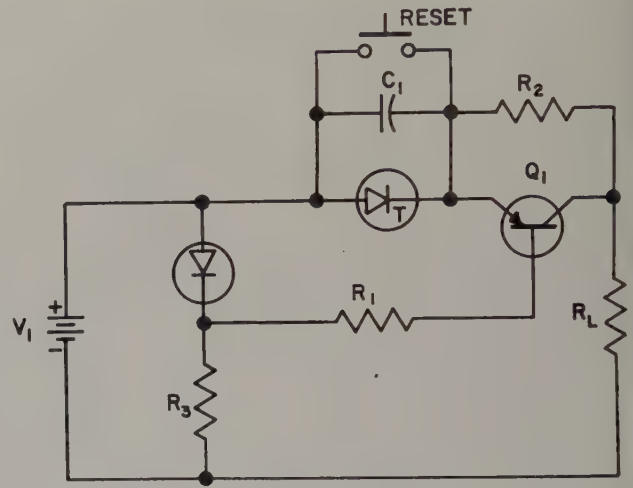


Fig. 5—High speed circuit breaker for unregulated supply.

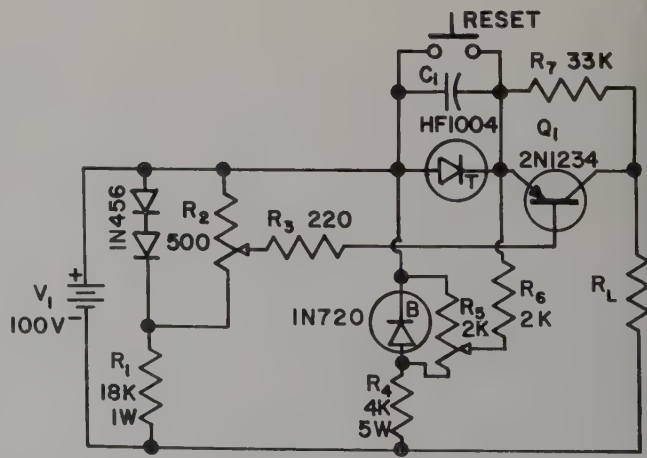


Fig. 6—Circuit breaker with adjustable trip current.



# A Solid State 125-Watt Linear Power Amplifier

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The design of a very reliable 125 watt linear class "B" push-pull transistor amplifier, utilizing a unique common emitter common base compound connection which permits the use of higher than normal supply voltages is described in this article. The use of this compound connection makes it easier to select transistors to maximize amplifier performance, and because of the functional division of this connection, excellent overall thermal stability is obtained. The amplifier described is capable of being used as a "building block" in paralleled connections for higher power output. Experimental performance is given for transistor mounting base temperatures from 25°C to 70°C.

INCREASING DEMAND for transistor amplifiers with higher power outputs, higher frequency operation, and reliable operation from higher power supply voltages, has stimulated the development of this rather unusual high power amplifier. The compound circuit used in the amplifier described here, in essence, allocates the current gain function and the voltage gain function to separate stages as shown in Fig. 1.

As a consequence of this functional division, and if both transistors are fabricated by the same processing technique, the following statements apply:

1. Current gain, power gain, and frequency response of the compound circuit are primarily determined by characteristics of the common emitter stage.
2. Voltage capability and power capability of the compound circuit are determined by characteristics of the common base stage.

The characteristics in (1) and (2) above tend to militate against each other when all must be combined in a conventional common emitter stage. Thus, by using the compound circuit, it is easier to select or design transistors to maximize performance in all categories. The compound circuit is also more reliable than a conventional common emitter circuit because of its inherent immunity to the alpha unity breakdown voltage condition, and because "thermal runaway" will be governed by the common emitter stage which operates at a very low voltage.

Although the following discussion is limited to the operation of a Class "B" push-pull linear power amplifier, the use of this compound connection in switching or Class "A" linear modes of operation should prove to be equally advantageous.

The design objectives of this amplifier are as follows:

1. 125-watt power output.
2. Total harmonic distortion less than 5% over entire audio spectrum at maximum power output.
3. 60% efficiency, or greater, at maximum power output.
4. Minimum use of feedback (high over-all gain).
5. Operation at mounting base temperatures as high as 70°C.
6. Operation from supply voltages in the 30- to 40-volt range (allowing for voltage doubling Class "B" push-pull operation).
7. Amplifier configuration capable of being paralleled for higher power output.

## Design Criteria

To fulfill the efficiency objective, Class "B" push-pull operation must be used. Since both sides of this type circuit are identical, the following discussion and description will be limited to one side of the amplifier, unless otherwise indicated.

## A. Common Base Stage

To achieve a power output of 125 watts with maximum efficiency (minimum  $I^2R$  losses in the output

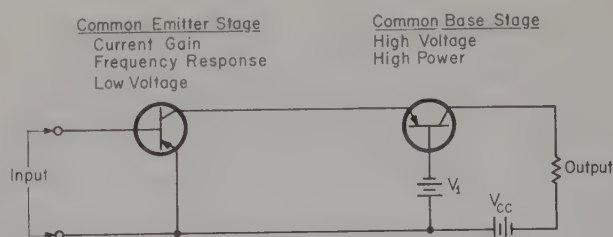


Fig. 1—Basic compound circuit.

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transformer and circuit components), and to use a minimum number of transistors, selection of a high supply voltage is desirable. This will permit operation at lower current levels. Conversely, if too high a supply voltage is used in a voltage doubling push-pull circuit, it is difficult to obtain transistors with the required high voltage capability. With these influencing factors in mind, a nominal supply voltage of 40 volts was selected to power this amplifier.

Very low input impedance is characteristic of a common base connection. It is in the order of 0.1 to 0.2 ohms for the "power" type transistors considered here. At full drive, the peak voltage drop across the emitter base junction of the common base transistor is only about one volt. Thus, it is possible to operate the common emitter stage at a low voltage level. Auxiliary bias voltage for the input loop is best inserted in the base lead of the common base stage where the current magnitude is much lower than the output current.

This auxiliary bias voltage ( $V_1$ ) subtracts from the collector supply voltage ( $V_{CC}$ ) when determining the peak voltage which the common base stage will deliver to the load without clipping. Therefore, with  $V_1 = 4$  volts the peak load voltage ( $V_L$ ) is:

$$V_L = V_{CC} - V_1 = 40 - 4 = 36 \text{ volts}$$

With the peak voltage and maximum power output ( $P_{out}$ ) known, the peak collector current ( $I_{MAX}$ ) will be:

$$I_{MAX} = \frac{2 P_{out}}{V_L} = \frac{2 \times 125}{36} = 6.95 \text{ amperes}$$

The effective load resistance ( $R_{CB}$ ) for each common base transistor will be:

$$R_{CB} = \frac{V_L}{I_{MAX}} = \frac{36}{6.95} = 5.18 \text{ ohms}$$

In Fig. 5, choke coupling is used and the load resistance of 20.72 ohms is connected across the entire choke. A multi-tapped choke can be used to couple the load to the amplifier if the load impedance is not greatly different than the required collector-to-collector impedance of the common base transistors. Conventional transformer coupling may also be used. Generally, a choke offers the advantages of simplicity, higher efficiency, smaller size, and lower cost.

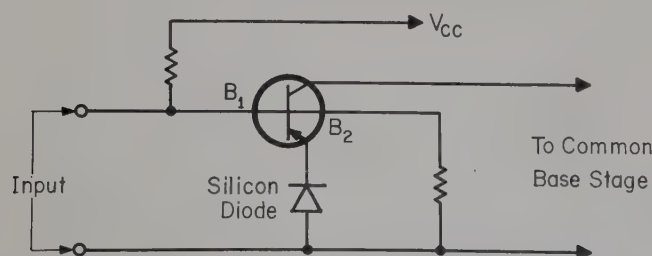


Fig. 2—Basic common emitter stage with tetrode biasing.

In class "B" operation, average collector power dissipation is maximum when the amplifier is driven such that peak load voltage is 63.7% of its value at full drive ( $K = .637$  in Eq. 1). At this point, the amplifier efficiency is equal to 50%. The average collector power dissipation ( $P_C$ ) for one common base transistor during the conduction half cycle of a sine wave is:

$$P_C = \frac{V_L^2}{R_{CB}} \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} K - \frac{K^2}{2} \right] \quad (1)$$

$$P_C = \frac{(36)^2}{5.18} \left[ \frac{2}{3.14} \times .637 - \frac{(.637)^2}{2} \right]$$

$$P_C = 50 \text{ watts}$$

Since this transistor is turned off for the other half cycle, the average power dissipated by the collector junction during a complete cycle is equal to half this value, or 25 watts.

The transistor selected for the common base stage must have the following capabilities:

1. 6.95 amperes collector current.
2. 72 volts collector-to-base voltage.
3. 25-watts average collector dissipation at a mounting base temperature of 70° C. (This requirement, along with maximum junction temperature rating, determines maximum permissible thermal resistance).

A 3N48 or 3N52 power transistor exceeds these requirements. Therefore, either can be used for a conservative design.

A collector dissipation of about 3 watts for each common base transistor is obtained in standby, or zero signal conditions. This is the result of a small forward bias (about 85 ma d-c) established in the common emitter stage to minimize cross-over distortion in the compound connected amplifier (Note: the collector currents of the common emitter and common base stages are very nearly equal).

## B. Common Emitter Stage

The transistor selected for the common emitter stage must meet these requirements:

1. Linearity—less than 5% distortion.
2. Stability—operate reliably at mounting base temperatures to 70° C.
3. Current gain and power gain—high gain to 7 amperes.
4. Frequency response—good over entire audio range.

A 3N47 or 3N51 power transistor fulfills these requirements when used as shown in Fig. 2. A separate low voltage bias supply is required by the common emitter stage. As shown in Fig. 5, this supply ( $V_1$ ) must furnish the peak voltage drop ( $V_{D5}$ ) across diode  $D_5$ , plus the peak forward voltage drop ( $V_{EB}$ ) across the emitter-base junction of the common base transistor, plus the saturation voltage, ( $V_{CE(SAT)}$ ) of the common emitter transistor, as well as the neces-



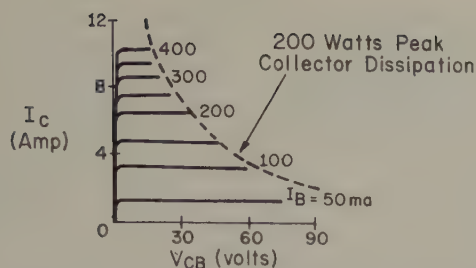


Fig. 3—Composite output characteristic.

sary working voltage ( $V_{CE}$ ) across the collector-to-emitter of this transistor.

Therefore, the minimum voltage for  $V_1$  will be:

$$V_1 = V_{D5} + V_{EB} + V_{CE(SAT)} + V_{CE}$$

$$V_1 = 1.1 + .7 + .5 + 1.0 = 3.3 \text{ volts}$$

Supply  $V_1$  must only be capable of supplying the base current of the 3N48 common base transistor. Typical current gain ( $h_{FE}$ ), for a 3N48, at 7 amperes collector current, is 25. Therefore, the peak current ( $I_1$ ) requirement for  $V_1$  will be:

$$I_1 = \frac{I_{MAX}}{h_{FE}} = \frac{7}{25} = .280 \text{ amperes}$$

Establishing the 85 ma d-c quiescent collector current which is used to reduce cross-over distortion, is accomplished with the stable voltage divider type of biasing network formed by  $R_3$ ,  $R_1$  and the d-c resistance of half the secondary of transformer  $T_1$ . The value of  $R_3$  may have to be changed to maintain the value of  $I_c$  if a transistor with much different gain is used. As shown in Fig. 5, the diodes  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ , in series with base one of transistor  $Q_1$ , block reverse drive during the off half cycle. This effectively reduces high frequency distortion.

Meeting the stability, linearity, and frequency response requirements placed on this stage is enhanced by tetrode biasing of transistor  $Q_1$ , that is, by applying the forward bias and input drive signal to base one and a reverse, or positive, bias to base two. This reverse bias, applied to  $B_2$  of  $Q_1$  through potentiometer  $R_5$ , is obtained from the forward voltage drop across  $D_5$ , a silicon power diode. This method of biasing permits one to balance or match gains of the two transistors. By adjusting  $R_5$  while observing the total harmonic distortion of the amplifier, it is possible to obtain a sharp null condition, one of minimum distortion (balanced output currents from  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ ). If low distortion and extended frequency response is not a design objective, then diodes  $D_1$  through  $D_5$  and potentiometer  $R_5$  may be omitted from the circuit.

Balanced, out-of-phase drive signals to  $B_1$  of  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are obtained from the center-tapped secondary of transformer  $T_1$  shown in Fig. 5.

### C. Composite Circuit Output Characteristics

Figure 3 shows a "family" of collector characteristic

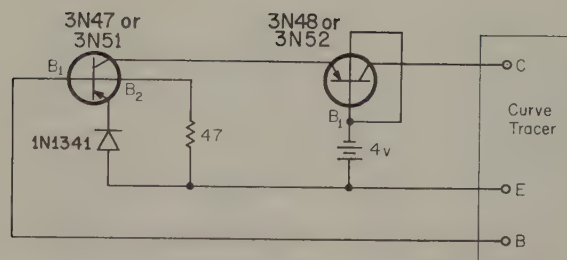


Fig. 4—Composite characteristic test circuit.

curves for the composite common emitter, common base circuit. These characteristic curves were observed for a current drive condition, using a curve tracer to sweep the collector-to-base of a 3N48 or 3N52 with a 60-cycle half sine wave voltage. The test circuit is shown in Fig. 4. The absence of an alpha unity breakdown voltage condition in these characteristic curves confirms one of the main advantages of this composite circuit. Normally this breakdown condition is very conspicuously displayed in the form of sharply rising collector current in the region of 30 to 60 volts, in conventional common emitter collector characteristics. With a constant emitter current, the voltage applied to the collector base junction of a common base stage can be safely extended into the region of collector multiplication where alpha exceeds unity (collector current is greater than emitter current). Therefore, the voltage capability of the composite circuit is limited only by the breakdown voltage of the transistor collector diode, itself, or the reach through voltage, whichever is lower. Because this composite circuit has the same voltage phase reversal characteristics as a conventional common emitter circuit, negative local feedback can be used in conventional ways.

## Experimental Results

### A. Dynamic Performance

To measure the performance of the two-stage amplifier, the primary of the driver transformer,  $T_1$ , is directly connected to an audio oscillator. The amplitude of the oscillator is adjusted to obtain the desired power output from the amplifier. The following conditions exist for the circuit shown in Fig. 5 and for the performance listed in Table I.

$$V_1 = 4 \text{ volts d-c}$$

$$V_{CC} = 40 \text{ volts d-c}$$

$$V_{CB} = 36 \text{ volts d-c}$$

$$R_L = 20.7 \text{ ohms}$$

$$I_{CQ} = 180 \text{ ma d-c (total for all transistors)}$$

$$\text{Frequency} = 400 \text{ cps}$$

(unless otherwise stated)

No special selection of transistors is necessary for the performance shown in Table I.

Total harmonic distortion decreases as a function of increasing frequency over the range shown in



Table I—Performance with no feedback

Power Output	125 watts	50 watts
Power Gain	24.3 db	25.5 db
Cutoff Frequency, 3 db down point	14 kc	13 kc
Total Harmonic Distortion		
a. 400 cps	3.2%	3.6%
b. 7.5 kcps	1.8%	2.5%
Efficiency	70%	42%

Fig. 6. This is observed in the output wave shape as decreasing cross-over distortion as a function of frequency, and is made possible by the blocking diodes in the input drive circuit. A graphical display of total harmonic distortion versus power output at 100 cps and 7.5 kc is shown in Fig. 7. The increasing distortion characteristic at lower power output, and lower frequency, is the result of more cross-over distortion. This effect can be reduced by increasing the quiescent current. However, distortion will then increase slightly at higher power levels. The optimum condition depends on the specific requirements of a particular application.

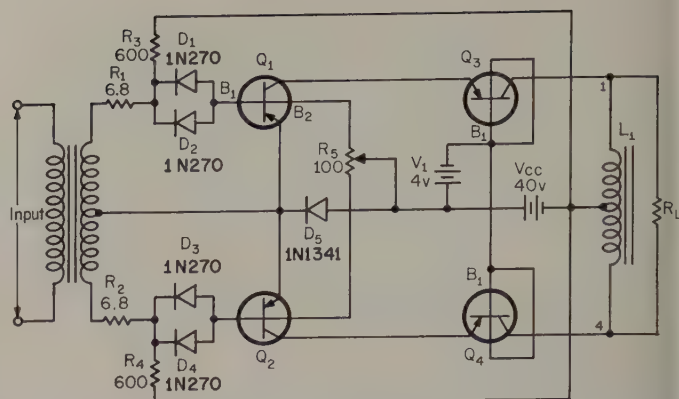
Figure 9 shows the distribution of total harmonic distortion at 125 watts power output and an operating frequency of 1 kc. The third harmonic is dominant. The second harmonic is approximately half the amplitude of the third harmonic, and shows the result of some even order harmonic cancellation obtained by balancing the output currents with potentiometer  $R_5$ , as previously explained.

## B. Higher Power Parallel Operation

Applying paralleling techniques to the circuit shown in Fig. 5 makes it possible to obtain substantially higher output power. As shown in Fig. 8, doubling the number of transistors doubles the output power capability. The performance of this paralleled circuit is comparable to that of the 125-watt circuit shown in Fig. 5.

The problem of parallel operation of transistors is one of current division. With the compound connection, this problem is confined to the common emitter stage. Individual series base and emitter resistors are used in these stages, as shown in Fig. 8, to help equalize the current through each transistor. Each collector of the common emitter stage is separately connected to the emitter of its respective common base stage.

The increased demands on the d-c power supplies, output choke (or transformer), input transformer,



$Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  = 3N47 or 3N51 Honeywell Transistors  
 $Q_3$  and  $Q_4$  = 3N48 or 3N52 Honeywell Transistors  
 (Triode connected)

$T_1$  = Input transformer—driving source impedance should be 10 to 20 ohms—d-c resistance in range of 2 to 4 ohms

$L_1$  = Output choke or transformer as required. Amplifier is designed to deliver 125 watts into 20.72 ohms collector-to-collector of  $Q_3$  and  $Q_4$  (5.18 ohms collector-to-center tap)

Fig. 5—125-watt class "B" push-pull transistor amplifier.

or drive, due to parallel operation, are straightforward design problems.

## C. Thermal Behavior

Because of the critical relation between electrical and thermal problems in transistor amplifier design, both must be recognized and solved if the performance stated in the amplifier objectives is to be realized with a reasonable degree of reliability. While operating the two-stage 125-watt amplifier under the most severe conditions, i.e. maximum collector dissipation and at a mounting base temperature of 70° C, the only performance degradation noted was a 0.8 db reduction of power gain.

The tabulation, (Table II), of total amplifier quiescent (no signal) current, at the various transistor mounting base temperatures, is a good indication of the thermal stability of this design. All transistor mounting base temperatures were maintained at the indicated values. These results were obtained *without* the use of emitter degeneration resistance to improve stability.

Thermal isolation of the common emitter stage from the higher dissipation, heat generating, common base stage will improve the over-all operating point stability. This is because the common base stage is stable, having no amplified leakage current, and relies on the common emitter stage to establish its quiescent col-

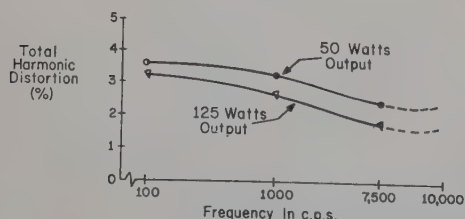


Fig. 6—Total harmonic distortion vs. frequency.

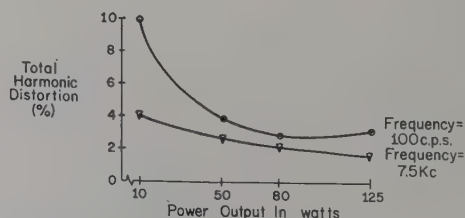


Fig. 7—Total harmonic distortion vs. power output.



Table II

Total Amplifier  
No Signal CurrentTransistor Mounting  
Base Temperature

170 ma d-c  
190 ma d-c  
224 ma d-c  
260 ma d-c  
310 ma d-c

25°C  
40°C  
50°C  
60°C  
70°C

lector current. Therefore, if the common emitter stage can be made very stable, essentially a constant current source, the quiescent current for the entire circuit will remain nearly constant, even though the common base stage is exposed to higher junction temperatures. The fact that the common emitter stage operates at very low voltage is a tremendous advantage in achieving stability and freedom from thermal runaway. However, the maximum junction temperature limits of the common base transistor must still be observed.

#### D. Power Supply Requirements

To power the experimental amplifier, a 4-volt battery, and a 40-volt battery, are required for  $V_1$  and  $V_{CC}$ , respectively.  $V_1$  supplies the base current for transistors  $Q_3$  and  $Q_4$  which is about 280 ma peak.  $V_{CC}$  supplies the 6.95 ampere peak collector current of these stages. Both voltages can be obtained from a-c operated supplies provided they are well filtered, well regulated, and have relatively low impedance. If operation from a single power source is desired, one of arrangements shown in Figs. 10, 11 and 12 may be used for  $V_1$ .

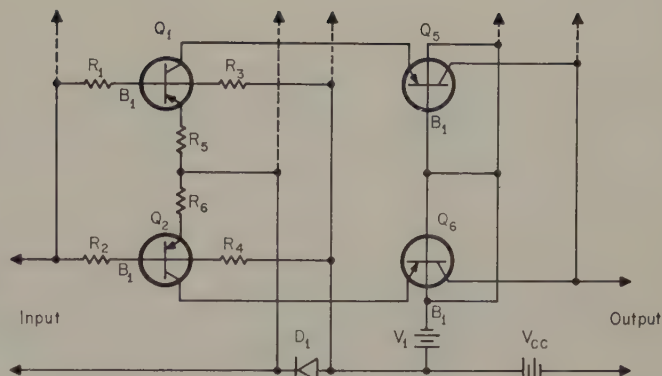
In Fig. 11,  $V_1$  is obtained from the combined forward voltage drops across the silicon diodes. Because these units operate only in the forward direction, their voltage rating can be very low.

#### Conclusions

A circuit has been described which should find a wide range of use in applications where stable high power output is required over a fairly wide temperature range. The basic common-emitter common-base compound connection described combines the advantages of both configurations, pushing the operating voltage capability of germanium power transistors to a new high without the use of series operation. The basic compound circuit described is also more reliable than a conventional common emitter circuit, if each is operated under the same conditions, and improved frequency performance is possible. The amplifier discussed is highly efficient, exhibits good power gain, and delivers a high power output with low harmonic distortion over a wide range of frequency. Through the use of the paralleling techniques discussed, an amplifier with extremely high power output may be designed.

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$R_1, R_2 = 1 \text{ ohm}$   
 $R_3, R_4 = 47 \text{ ohms}$   
 $R_5, R_6 = 0.1 \text{ ohms}$   
 $V_1 = 4 \text{ volts d-c}$

$V_{CC} = 40 \text{ volts d-c}$   
 $Q_1, Q_2 = 3N47$   
 $Q_3, Q_4 = 3N48 \text{ (triode connected)}$

Fig. 8—250-watt amplifier parallel operation (only one side of circuit shown).

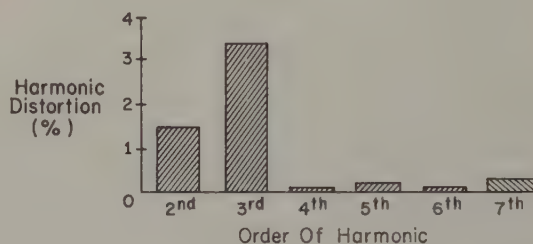


Fig. 9—Distribution of total harmonic distortion at 125 watts—1 kcps.



Fig. 10—Zener diode circuit for  $V_1$ .

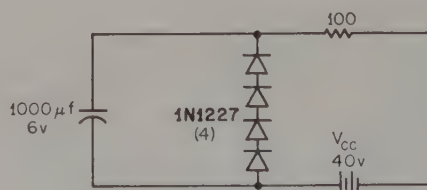


Fig. 11—Series string silicon diode circuit for  $V_1$ .

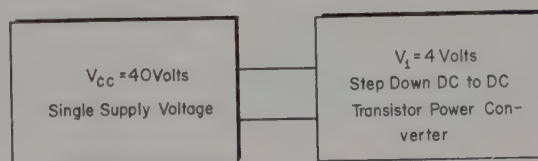


Fig. 12—D-C power converter circuit for  $V_1$ .



# A Study of Gain Control In Audio Amplifiers

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In some low frequency applications it is desirable to be able to control the gain of the amplifier electrically in order to incorporate an *agc* system. It is usually desirable that the frequency response not vary over the gain control range. Several methods of gain control which can be utilized with an *agc* circuit were investigated. These include changing the operating point and using diodes or transistors as resistances which are variable with voltage derived from an *agc* circuit. The most practical means of obtaining the desired control in a low frequency amplifier is through the use of feedback using a particular type transistor. The output impedance of the selected transistor should vary with an *agc* voltage such that frequency response remains relatively constant. Such a transistor which provides approximately 30 db of *agc* range with little change in response, is described herein. Several other *agc* circuits are described along with some of their advantages and disadvantages.

IN SOME LOW FREQUENCY CIRCUITS it is desirable that the gain control of an amplifier be accomplished automatically by some source of voltage derived from an automatic gain control (*agc*) circuit. A typical application is in a dictaphone circuit where the best recording is obtained when the output of the low frequency (audio) amplifier is not greatly affected by the intensity of the speaker's voice (input).

The *agc* control voltage for the amplifiers discussed herein may be derived from various sources but in this study, the interest lies primarily in the control of gain.

The transistors described as low frequency units, MADT® units and MAT® units are, respectively, 2N223's or 2N224's, T1692's and 2N393's.

## Methods of Gain Control

### A. Changing the Operating Point

With an *agc* voltage applied directly to the base of a low frequency amplifier as shown in Fig. 1, the d-c operating point of the amplifier is changed thereby changing the device gain. The response of the amplifier broadens proportionally with the applied *agc* voltage (see Fig. 7) because of the operating point change. A second disadvantage with this system, in addition to the change in response with applied *agc* voltage, is that the power handling capability of the amplifier decreases as the cutoff point is approached.

### B. Use of Diodes as Variable Resistance Elements

Since diodes have resistance characteristics which vary with the voltage across them, they can be utilized in a circuit as variable resistances. Diodes, however, have at least one inherent

disadvantage in that for all but extremely small signals the diode resistance will follow the signal. The variation in resistance with the signal will create a distorted output. For this reason diodes were not extensively investigated for use in low frequency gain control circuits.

Some diode circuits which might be used with extremely small signals are described below.

#### 1. A Diode as a Variable Load Resistance

In the circuit of Fig. 2, a diode is utilized as a variable load resistance; its resistance is dependent on collector current. Since the diode resistance, in a forward biased state, is low for practical values of collector current, the load resistance,  $R_L$ , must also be made low so that small changes in diode resistance will affect the total load of the amplifier sufficiently to cause a large enough change in gain. The required low value of load resistance will not permit optimum gain to be derived from this configuration.

#### 2. A Diode as a Variable Shunt Resistance

In the circuit of Fig. 3 a diode is utilized as a variable shunt resistance; the shunt resistance is determined by the magnitude the *agc* voltage applied.

#### 3. A Diode as a Variable Feedback Resistance

In the circuit of Figure 4, a diode is utilized as a variable feedback resistance. This circuit appears to be the most useful diode circuit.

### C. Feedback to Provide Gain Control

Although there are many possible methods of obtaining gain control, the method which appears to be the most useful for this type of amplifier is feedback. In feedback circuits, part of the

output power is returned to the input in such a manner as to increase the output power (positive or regenerative feedback) or to decrease the output power (negative or degenerative feedback). In *agc* circuits, degenerative feedback which can be controlled by the output signal amplitude is the type of feedback used.

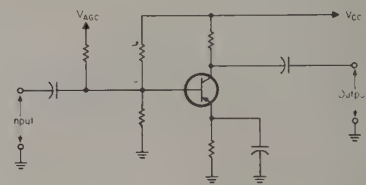


Fig. 1—Low frequency amplifier with *agc* voltage applied directly to its base.

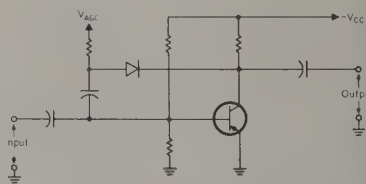


Fig. 2—Low frequency amplifier utilizing a diode as a variable load.

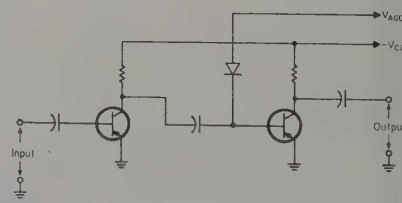


Fig. 3—Low frequency amplifier utilizing a diode as a variable shunt resistance.

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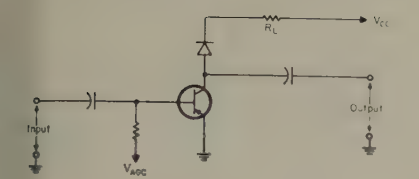


Fig. 4—Low frequency amplifier utilizing a diode as variable feedback resistance.

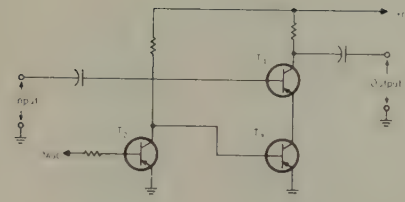


Fig. 5—Low frequency amplifier utilizing three transistors one of which acts as a variable feedback resistor.

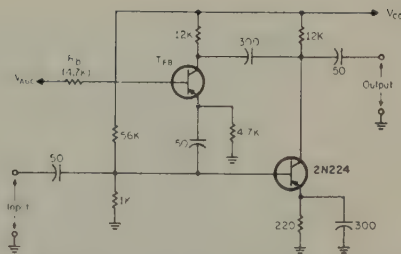


Fig. 6—Collector to base feedback using a transistor as the variable feedback resistance.

## Resistive Feedback

With resistive feedback, gain and frequency response are affected by the amount of feedback introduced. The amount of feedback is commonly expressed in terms of the resulting decrease in amplification. As an example, 20 db of feedback means that the gain of an amplifier with feedback is 20 db less than the gain of an amplifier without feedback.<sup>1</sup> As the gain of an amplifier is decreased with feedback the frequency response broadens. Thus, the gain of such an amplifier decreases less at the extremes of the response curve resulting in effectively less loop feedback at these extremes than at the center. The net results is a cumulative action which results in additional broadening of the response with increased agc. The increase in bandwidth of the amplifier can be explained mathematically as follows.

The voltage gain of an amplifier, with feedback is:

$$G = \frac{A}{1 - \lambda A}$$

where  $G$  is the overall gain of the amplifier,  $A$  is the gain of the amplifier without feedback and  $\lambda$  is the fraction of the output which is fed back to the input. For degenerative feedback,  $\lambda A$  is negative and the sign must be considered. The quantity  $|\lambda A|$  is commonly termed the feedback factor. The expression for the overall gain of the amplifier becomes:

$$\frac{A}{1 + |\lambda A|}$$

and as  $|\lambda A|$  becomes much greater than unity,  $1 + |\lambda A|$  approaches  $|\lambda A|$  making the overall gain expression:

$$G \cong \frac{A}{|\lambda A|} = \frac{1}{\lambda}; |\lambda A| \gg 1$$

This is no longer dependent on the gain of the amplifier without feedback. Since  $\lambda$ , in resistive feedback, is a resistance ratio which is independent of frequency, the gain of an amplifier with large amounts of resistive feedback is substantially independent of frequency; the result is a broad frequency response.

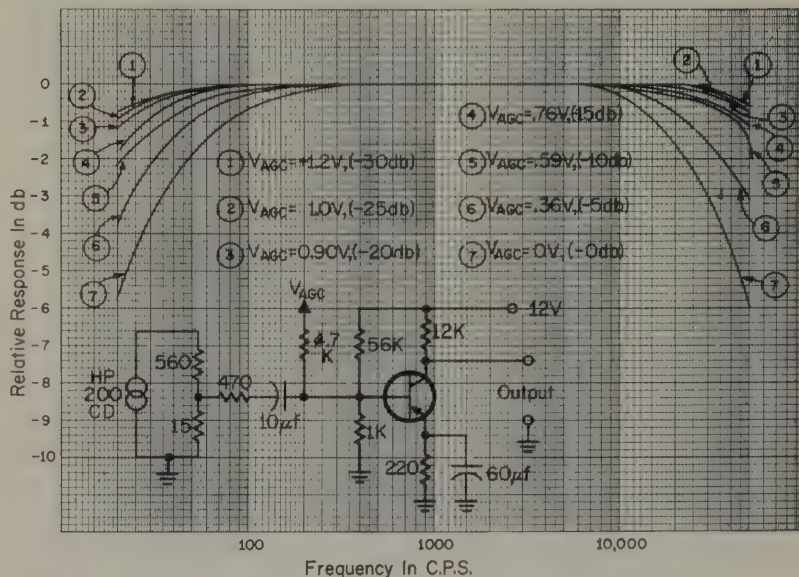


Fig. 7—Response of amplifier with agc voltage applied directly to its base. The agc voltages indicated are all negative. Note also that the quantity shown in parenthesis indicates the number of db to be subtracted from these curves in order to obtain the actual curves.

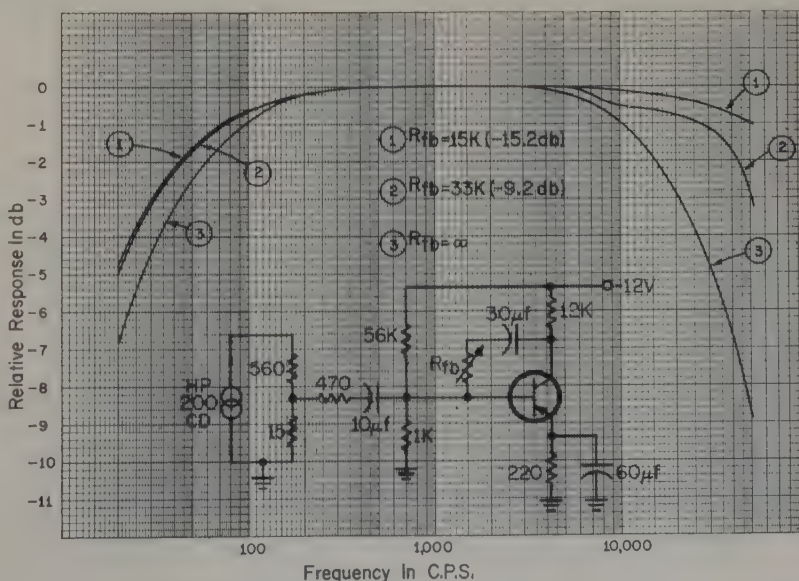


Fig. 8—Response of amplifier with resistive feedback.

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## Transistors as Feedback Resistances

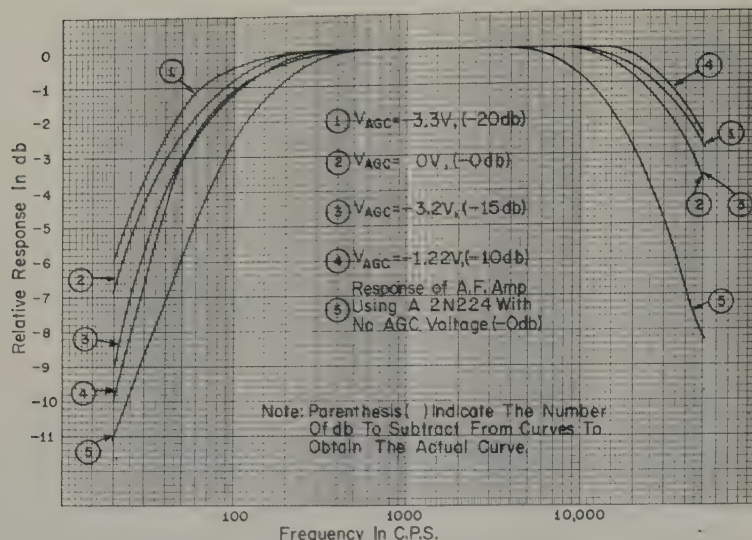


Fig. 9—Response with MADT as feedback component and a 12K load.

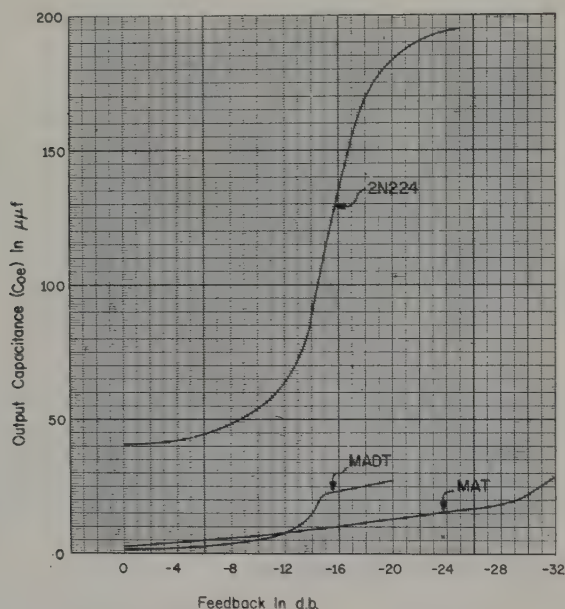


Fig. 10—Output capacitance for the three types of transistors used in the feedback circuit of Fig. 6.

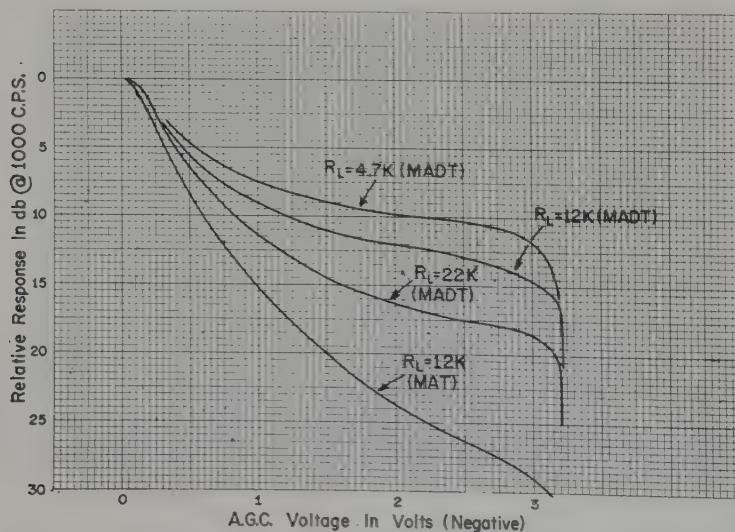


Fig. 11—Response vs. agc voltage for MADT and MAT transistors for various loads.

The response of an amplifier with relatively good low frequency characteristics does not change much at low frequencies with increased feedback. However, it does vary substantially at high frequencies with relatively pure resistive feedback. (See Fig. 8) It should be noted that in drawing a response curves the amount of feedback at the midband frequency was added in order to facilitate comparison of the curves. The number of decibels added is indicated on each curve.

Since the output capacitance and resistance of a transistor varies with operating point, it may be used as a variable feedback component.

In the circuit of Fig. 5, three transistors are utilized in a low frequency amplifier with feedback and agc amplification. In this circuit,  $T_1$  is the low frequency amplifier,  $T_2$  acts as an unbypassed emitter resistance, providing variable degenerative current feedback, and  $T_3$  is an agc amplifier. Biasing must be provided for  $T_3$  in order that its resistance be low with no agc voltage applied. In order to minimize resistance and degeneration with no agc voltage applied,  $T_3$  should be in saturation. As an agc voltage is applied, the resistance of  $T_3$  increases, increasing feedback and decreasing gain. The most significant disadvantage to this circuit, however, is that power is required to keep  $T_3$  in saturation even with no agc voltage applied. The biggest advantage to this circuit is the fact that the agc voltage requirement is low because of the agc amplifier. Depending upon the power available from the agc source, it may be possible to eliminate the agc amplifier,  $T_3$ .

In the circuit of Fig. 6, an MADT transistor (Philco T1692) was used as the feedback component ( $T_{FB}$  in the circuit). The response of the amplifier with various amounts of feedback is shown in Fig. 9. This curve also shows the response of a low frequency transistor (2N224) with no agc voltage applied to it. A comparison of the curves for the low frequency transistor and for the MADT transistor with no agc applied is essentially a comparison of the output capacitance ( $C_{oe}$ ) of the two units. The low frequency unit has a much higher output capacitance than the MADT for all degrees of feedback. A comparison of the output capacitances of the 2N224, the MADT and the MAT transistors is shown in Fig. 10. From these curves it is evident why the high frequency response of the low frequency unit is not as good as that of the MADT. The low frequency comparison between the low frequency unit and the MADT indicates that the output resistance ( $r_{oe}$ ) of the 2N224 is higher than the output resistance of the MADT with no feedback.

As agc voltage is applied to the base of the MADT, introducing feedback, the high frequency response increases due to the decrease in output resistance of the transistor. The output capacitance



change is slight with low amounts of feedback. As saturation is approached, however, the output capacitance increases rapidly causing the response to decrease. After the transistor is saturated, the output capacitance increases slowly again and the change in output resistance is again the prime factor in determining the increase in response. The output, however, is distorted due to the changing output impedance with signal. Figs. 9, 10, and 11 show precisely what is happening as feedback is increased.

With the MADT as the feedback component in the circuit of Fig. 6, if more feedback is desired a larger value of load resistance can be used. Fig. 11 illustrates the amount of useful feedback which can be obtained with various low frequency amplifier loads. When the agc voltage reaches approximately three volts the MADT becomes saturated as indicated by the rapid downward bending of the curves. After saturation is reached, the output impedance changes with signal and the amount of feedback varies with the signal which introduces distortion in the amplifier.

An important factor in determining how much feedback can be obtained is the saturation resistance of the feedback transistor; but since the current is limited by the 12K load, a good measure of the saturation resistance is the collector to emitter saturation voltage ( $V_{CE SAT}$ ). In the circuit used,  $V_{CE SAT}$  must be less than 0.1 volts ( $R_{feedback} \approx 100$  ohms) for approximately 30 db of feedback which is less than  $V_{CE SAT}$  for the MADT type transistor. A comparison of the collector to emitter voltage for the MADT and MAT type transistors is shown in Fig. 12 as a function of agc voltage. Useful control of gain is obtained until the curves in Fig. 11 turn in a vertical direction. The curves indicate that the greatest control range for the MADT can be obtained with a 22K audio frequency load resistance.

An MAT transistor has an output capacitance similar to that of the MADT as shown in Fig. 10 but it has a much lower saturation voltage (Fig. 12). The typical saturation voltage of the 2N393 MAT transistor is .05 volts which allows more feedback. The response curve of the amplifier using a 2N393 transistor as the feedback component (Fig. 13) indicates that there is little variation in the response between 0 db and 30 db of feedback.

Fig. 11 shows the range of feedback which can be attained with the same range of voltage that was used with the MADT as the feedback component.

The effective low frequency amplifier load is the parallel combination of the collector load resistances of both the amplifier and the feedback transistors. The feedback transistor load, however, was kept fixed at 12K ohms for all the measurements. This 12K resistor determines the current at which the feedback transistor saturates. The relative response versus agc voltage for the

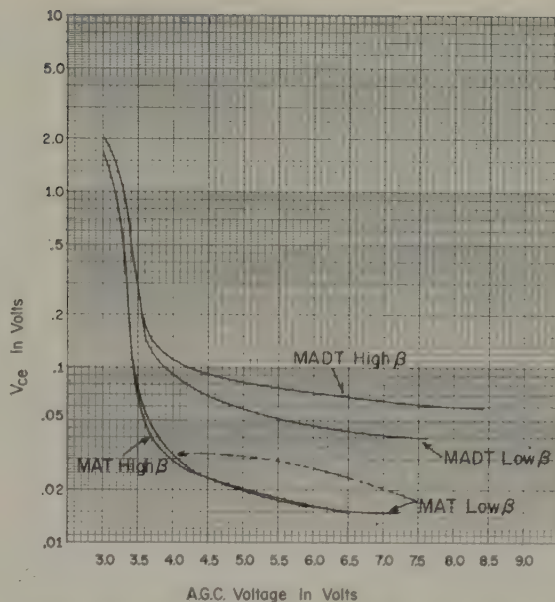


Fig. 12—AGC voltage vs.  $V_{CE}$  for high and low d-c beta MADT and MAT transistors in the feedback circuit.

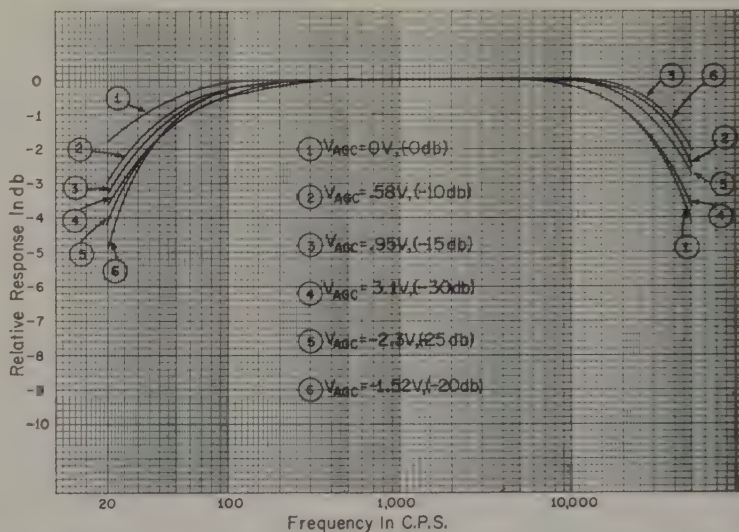


Fig. 13—Response using an MAT as the feedback transistor and a load of 12K.

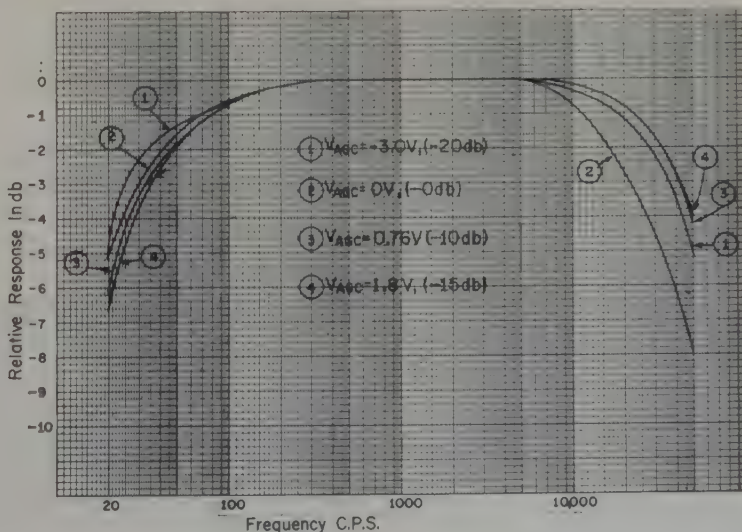


Fig. 14—Response using an MAT as the feedback transistor and a load of 2.2K.

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# PATENT REVIEW\*

## Of Semiconductor Devices, Fabrication Techniques and Processes, and Circuits and Applications

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**Thermal Resistance and Power Dissipation;** Rheem Semiconductor Corp., Mountain View, Cal. (K. Crandall)

Thermal resistance is defined as the temperature rise across a material caused by power flow through it, just as electrical resistance relates voltage drop to current flow. In a thermal system, the quantities of interest and their electrical analogues are temperature and voltage, power and current. The unit of thermal resistance is the °C/watt which is analogous to the ohm = volt/ampere. In practice, the effect of thermal resistance is displayed on a thermal derating plot as in Fig. 74.1.

The effect of the addition of a heat sink to a transistor can be understood by breaking the total thermal resistance into two series components:  $\theta_{J-C}$  (junction to case thermal resistance), and  $\theta_{C-A}$  (case to air thermal resistance). See Fig. 74.2. The effect of adding a heat sink is to reduce  $\theta_{C-A}$ , which in turn reduces the total thermal resistance from the junction to the air. An example is given to illustrate how junction temperature is reduced by the addition of the heat sink.

It should be noted that the maximum power dissipation given by the data of Fig. 74.1 is for steady-state conditions. In pulse applications where the "on" duty cycle is low, the instantaneous power dissipation may exceed the

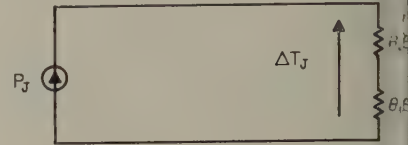


Fig. 74.2—Equivalent thermal circuit

steady-state value because of the length of time required to heat the junction.

#### Example:

$$\Delta T_J = P_J (\theta_{J-C} + \theta_{C-A}); T_J = T_A + \Delta T_J$$

where  $\Delta T_J$  = junction temperature rise because of dissipated power

$P_J$  = power dissipated in junction

$\theta_{J-C}$  = junction-to-case thermal resistance

$\theta_{C-A}$  = case-to-air thermal resistance

$T_J$  = actual junction temperature

$T_A$  = ambient temperature

Let  $P_J = 500 \text{ mw}$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , TO-5 transistor in free air

$$\theta_{J-C} = 30^\circ\text{C/W}$$

$$\theta_{C-A} = 157.5^\circ\text{C/W}$$

$$T_J = T_A + P_J (\theta_{J-C} + \theta_{C-A}) = 25^\circ\text{C} + (.5 \text{ W} \times 187.5^\circ\text{C/W}) = 118.8^\circ\text{C}$$

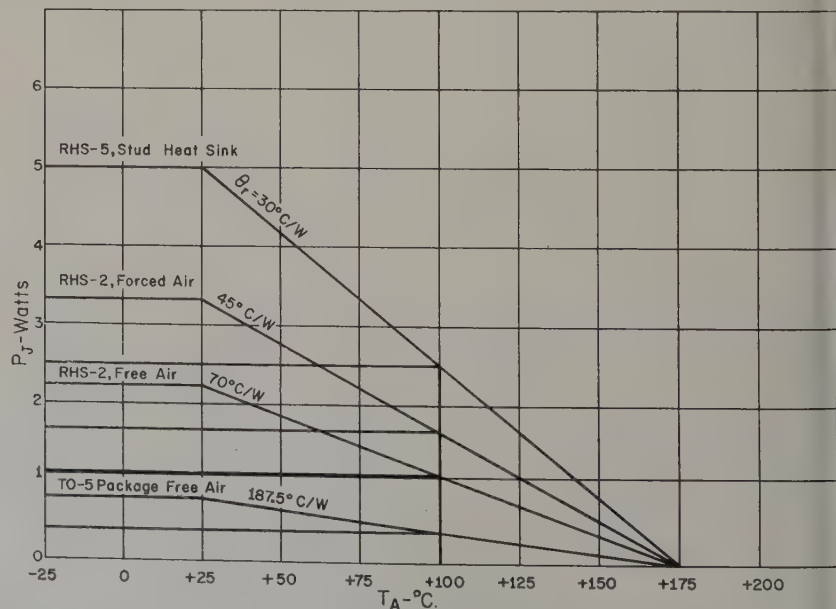


Fig. 74.1—Thermal derating curve.



# Study of Gain Control

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A MAT transistor with various low frequency amplifier load resistors would be similar to those for the MADT as shown in Fig. 11.

Fig. 14 shows the response of the amplifier using the MAT transistor as the feedback component and a 2.2K load resistor. This graph indicates that only 0 db of feedback can be obtained with the 2.2K ohm load as compared to 30 db with 12K.

## Low Frequency Response

Although the primary interest of this study was in the high frequency response of the amplifier it should be noted that the low frequency response is limited primarily by the by-pass and coupling capacitors. The values of these capacitors indicated in Fig. 6 are large enough to satisfy most low frequency requirements.

## Feedback Transistor Requirement Summary

It has been noted that not all transistors satisfy the requirements of a feedback transistor in the circuit of Fig. 1. The necessary requirements are:

1) Low collector to emitter (output) capacitance ( $C_{oe}$ ). This requirement is fulfilled by high frequency transistors.

2) Low collector to emitter saturation voltage ( $V_{CE SAT}$ ).

3) The low output capacitance should vary in such a manner as to decrease the response of the amplifier in the same proportion as the decreasing output resistance ( $r_{oe}$ ) increases the response. A 2N393 for example, has an output capacitance which most nearly satisfies this requirement.

4) The saturation voltage of the feedback transistor should be low enough so that the transistor does not become saturated during any part of the collector voltage swing. That is to say, for any desired amount of feedback, the feedback resistance must remain constant. If saturation is reached the feedback impedance will vary with the amplitude of the signal. Again, an MAT transistor satisfies this requirement.

## Summary and Conclusions

In low frequency amplifier circuits automatic gain control can be obtained without greatly affecting the frequency response of the amplifier.

The transistor configuration shown in Fig. 6, utilizing a transistor as a voltage feedback resistance was extensively investigated. The output capacitance and the collector to emitter saturation voltage are the most important characteristics to be considered in the selection of a transistor feedback component. The 2N393 possesses the desired combination of these characteristics so that it makes an excellent feedback transistor.

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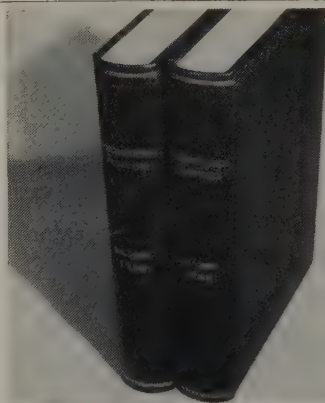
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Audio transistors have a high output capacitance (collector to emitter) which increases rapidly as the transistor is driven toward saturation. The result of the increasing output capacitance is a continual decrease in the amplifier high frequency response as feedback is increased. An MADT transistor nearly retains the response of the amplifier (Fig. 9) but since the saturation voltage of the MAT unit is lower, more feedback can be obtained using it as the feedback component. (30 db compared with 15 or 20 db for the MADT unit). Load resistance values can be increased to increase the amount of feedback which can be obtained.

Changing the operating point of a transistor to obtain agc changes its frequency response; this occurs when an agc voltage is applied directly to the base of the low frequency amplifier.

A diode can be used as a variable re-

sistance in agc circuits as a variable load, as a variable shunt or as a variable feedback component. Diodes, however, can only be used with extremely small signals because their resistance follows large signal changes causing distortion.

Three transistors can be utilized for a low frequency amplifier (Fig. 5) with current feedback as the method of gain control. This configuration, however, requires a power drain even with no agc voltage applied and it requires that three transistors be used.

The circuit of Fig. 6, used with a 2N393 as the feedback component is the circuit which more nearly retains the frequency response of a low frequency amplifier and which allows the most feedback to be obtained. It is this circuit and transistor which is recommended for best results in a low frequency automatic gain control circuit.



# Market News . . .

## Sales

The U.S. Department of Commerce, BDSA, has reported that the estimated shipments of semiconductors by U.S. producers for the first quarter of 1961 was 15% higher in volume and only \$2 million dollars more in value than in the fourth quarter of 1960. The following table shows the dollar value at \$146 million and the volume at nearly 113 million units.

Estimated Shipments of Semiconductors during the First Quarter of 1961 <sup>1/</sup>

Category	Quantity (in thousands of units)			Value (in thousands of dollars)		
	Total	Military	Non-military	Total	Military	Non-military
Semiconductor Devices	112,682	28,339	84,343	146,039	59,953	86,086
Diodes and rectifiers	60,419	20,278	40,141	41,946	18,615	23,331
Germanium diodes and rectifiers	37,721	11,688	26,033	13,352	5,387	7,965
0-100 ma	33,868	2/	2/	11,541	2/	2/
Over 100 ma	3,853	2/	2/	1,811	2/	2/
Silicon diodes and rectifiers	22,698	8,590	14,108	28,594	13,228	15,366
0-100 ma	8,401	4,838	3,563	10,535	6,887	3,648
Recovery time: none, or over						
0.1 usec	6,347	3,530	2,817	6,357	3,962	2,395
Recovery time: 0.1 usec and less	2,054	1,308	746	4,178	2,925	1,253
101 ma—1.4 amps	12,094	3,155	8,939	10,998	3,567	7,431
Recovery time: none, or over						
0.1 usec	10,861	2,973	7,888	9,342	3,187	6,155
Recovery time: 0.1 usec and less	1,233	182	1,051	1,656	380	1,276
1.5 amps—7.5 amps	452	241	211	1,187	591	596
Over 7.5 amps	1,751	356	1,395	5,874	2,183	3,691
Special semiconductor devices	10,887	1,745	9,142	19,684	7,897	11,787
Voltage regulator diodes	2,207	979	1,228	8,156	3,707	4,449
0-550 mw maximum dissipation	1,429	742	687	3,832	1,996	1,836
Over 550 mw maximum dissipation	778	237	541	4,324	1,711	2,613
Voltage reference diodes	204	77	127	1,372	550	822
Multi-layer devices (controlled rectifiers, PNP diodes, and related devices)	295	56	239	2,338	694	1,644
Microwave diodes (mixers and detectors) and variable capacitance diodes (parametric diodes, harmonic generators, etc.)	803	464	339	2,024	1,556	468
Light sensitive semiconductor devices <sup>2/</sup>	363	34	329	2,984	1,066	1,918
Other special semiconductor devices <sup>4/</sup>	7,015	135	6,880	2,810	324	2,486
Transistors	41,376	6,316	35,060	84,409	33,441	50,968
Germanium	37,810	4,150	33,660	55,157	13,093	42,064
0-999 mw	34,985	3,742	31,243	45,553	10,354	35,199
0-29.9 mc	26,997	2,560	24,437	25,128	4,882	20,246
30-149.9 mc	5,444	531	4,913	9,780	1,876	7,904
150 mc and over	2,544	651	1,893	10,645	3,596	7,049
1 watt and over, all frequencies	2,825	408	2,417	9,604	2,739	6,865
Silicon	3,566	2,166	1,400	29,252	20,348	8,904
0-999 mw	1,973	1,221	752	12,629	8,272	4,357
0-29.9 mc	1,631	978	653	9,996	6,395	3,601
30-149.9 mc	321	231	90	2,302	1,657	645
150 mc and over	21	12	9	331	220	111
1-9.9 watts, all frequencies	1,133	845	288	12,364	8,963	3,401
10 watts and over, all frequencies	460	100	360	4,259	3,113	1,146

<sup>1/</sup> Estimated total industry shipments including intra-plant and inter-plant transfers.

<sup>2/</sup> Withheld to avoid disclosing the operations of individual firms.

<sup>3/</sup> Includes solar cells, infra-red detectors, photoconductive cells, photovoltaic devices, photodiodes, photoelectric-magnetic devices, and the like.

<sup>4/</sup> Includes diodes and rectifiers of selenium, copper oxide and other materials; tunnel diodes; thermoelectric semiconductor devices; and others not elsewhere classified.

Source: The quarterly Joint Survey of Production Capabilities for Electronic Parts conducted by the Electronics Production Resources Agency of the Department of Defense, and the Electronics Division, BDSA.

Japanese exports of transistors to the United States during the first quarter of this year, according to the Ministry of Finance, was 975,000 units. This was an increase of over 2½ times the 386,000 figure for the same period in 1960. During 1960 U.S. exports of semiconductors to Japan totaled \$1,154,000.

Factory sales of transistors increased by more than 2.7 million and total value of units sold by more than \$1 million in June according to the figures released by the Electronic Industries Association's Marketing Data Department.

	Factory Sales (Units)	Factory Sales (Dollars)
June	17,899,005	\$26,148,746
May	15,128,181	25,113,042
April	15,072,064	27,388,278
March	15,129,273	29,815,291
February	13,270,428	25,699,625
January	12,183,931	22,955,167
Jan.-June '61	88,682,882	\$157,120,149
Jan.-June '60	60,485,683	\$152,932,961

Johnson & Hoffman Manufacturing Corporation, Mineola, N.Y., manufacturers of precision metal stampings and deep drawn parts, has appointed the following sales representatives: Robert Awig & Associates, Cleveland, Ohio; A. V. Doran Company, St. Louis, Missouri; The Alfred A. Lee Company, Phoenix, Arizona; Nero Electronic Sales Corporation, Wilmette, Illinois; Steele Technical Sales, Winter Park, Florida; and Armstrong Sales, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Semi-Alloys Inc. has announced the appointment of Wexler-Court Sales Corporation as their representative for the eastern half of the United States from Minneapolis through Boston and New York.

The Lansdale division of Philco Corp., has opened a new semiconductor sales office in Englewood, Col.

## Suppliers

General Instrument Corp.'s semiconductor division has discontinued all production of silicon mesa transistors and is now converting to a full line of silicon epitaxial planars in TO-18 and TO-5 packages. The firm has also announced the availability of a line of silicon rectifier replacements. Types IN123, IN2630, IN570, IN1150, IN2389 and IN2490 are designed with 4, 5, 6 pin as well as octal bases. These units are priced at \$11.50 each in lots of 100 and up.

Electronic Metals and Alloys, Inc., Watertown, Mass., has announced the availability of clad material with 99.999+% pure gold at standard clad prices.

Kewaunee Scientific Equipment, division of Kewaunee Manufacturing Co., Adrian, Mich., has available a welder enclosure for manufacturing semiconductors.

Dow Corning's silicon division, Hemlock, Mich., is offering a new packaged one-piece crucible charge in diameters up to 1½ inches. Advantages claimed for the crucible charges are that they have not been cast and have not come in contact with any container, and can be used directly out of the package without being cleaned.

Semi-Alloys, Inc., Mt. Vernon, N.Y., has developed a stamping process which produces flat, intricately shaped pellets and washers from semiconductor materials with thicknesses as low as 250 millionths of an inch.

## Financial

Sprague Electric Company, North Adams, Massachusetts, has declared a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share on the company's common stock, payable to the stockholders of record the close of business on August 30, 1961.

## ERRATA

In our August 1961 Market News section, on page 18, under the heading "Sales," we published a table of "Estimated Shipments of Semiconductors, during 1961." The correct heading for the table is, Estimated Shipments of Semiconductors, during 1960.



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## Industry News (R&D)

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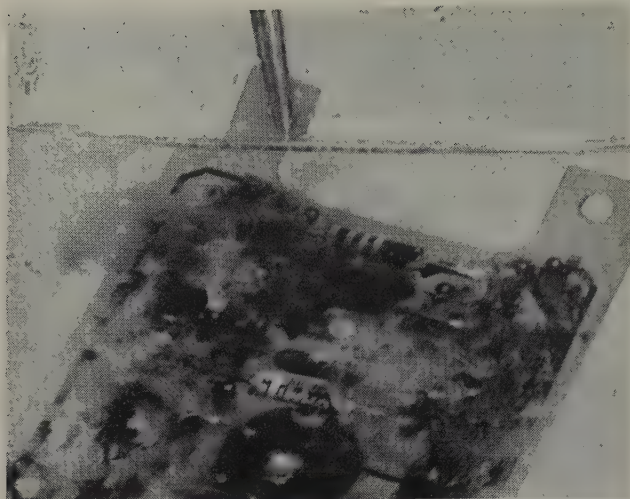
A highly sophisticated flat rectangular enclosure, suitable for Multi-element Components, thin film circuits and solid state circuits, is under development at Philco Corp.'s Microelectronic Department laboratories. The 2-D enclosure features a true glass-to-metal hermetic seal, rather than a solder seal. A microelectronic device can be mounted directly on the metal plate which forms the base of the package. According to William F. Long, manager, Microelectronics Department, Lansdale Division, efficient heat dissipation is provided and hot spots are eliminated, since the metal plate can be mounted on an external heat sink. He stated that the number of leads and package dimensions can be varied to conform to a particular miniaturization approach, such as the printed circuit, micro module, and welded (stacked) mounting techniques.

A pulsed ruby optical maser has been operated as a light amplifier by Bell Telephone Laboratory scientists. In the experiment, two ruby masers were set up in tandem. A pulse of light from one maser, operating as an oscillator, was beamed into the other. Amplification of the light by a factor of two was observed. The two rubies were fired simultaneously. The output from the amplifying ruby was measured by a photomultiplier tube. Both the signal going into the amplifier and the signal coming out were displayed on a dual-beam oscilloscope. Gain was measured by comparing the output-to-input ratio when using the amplifier to that obtained when the amplifier was removed from the beam. The amount of gain that can be obtained depends on the temperature of the amplifying maser and the pumping power. A net gain of a factor of two was observed at  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

The application of semiconductor physics to piezoelectric ceramics was one of the key developments in piezoelectricity discussed recently in Chicago by Dr. Hans Jaffe, director of electronic research for Clevite Corporation, Cleveland. Speaking before the 140th annual meeting of the American Chemical Society, Dr. Jaffe said that the control of excess electrons has been recognized as of major importance in improving piezoelectric ceramics. "The semiconductor phenomena in these materials exert a strong influence on their piezoelectric properties," he said, "and we are developing techniques to control them by doping in much the same way that semiconductor materials are doped." Dr. Jaffe said that the new techniques have done much to make possible major developments in the piezoelectric field, a new 20,000-volt ignition source, radio frequency filters that can greatly improve the performance of transistor radios and transducer elements for sonar and ultrasonic devices that provide superior power handling capacity. He also discussed the recent observation of strong piezoelectric effects in such semiconductor crystals as cadmium sulfide and zinc oxide. Work in this area is continuing at major laboratories around the country. Both semiconductor and piezoelectric fields can be expected to continue to benefit greatly from the new scientific insight which is resulting from the interplay of the two disciplines, said Dr. Jaffe.

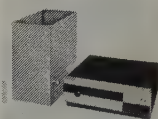
A new silicon transistor that can perform the jobs of up to 40% of the more than 2,000 transistor types now on the market has been developed by RCA. The new unit is adaptable to a wide variety of uses in the complex electronic circuits of military weapons and communications systems, industrial control devices, data processing equipment, and high quality consumer products. A company spokesman stated, "we have succeeded in wedding triple





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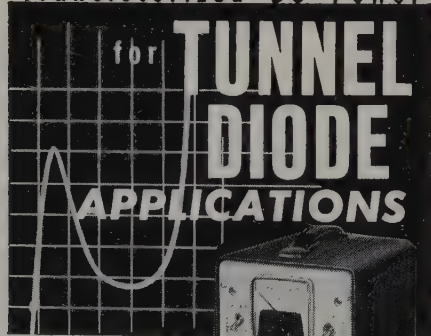
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Eric Kolm, president of U. S. Sonics, Inc., maker of piezoelectric ceramics, has announced the development of a solid state 455 KC ceramic filter, paper-thin and no bigger in diameter than a lead pencil. It is designed to replace the standard mechanical transformer which goes into every receiving set and promises to be a significant breakthrough in the manufacture of radio and TV sets, as well as other types of communication equipment, Mr. Kolm predicted.

The tiny i-f filter makes it possible to tune to one station at a time, instead of receiving all transmissions simultaneously. Encased in its pea-sized "can", with lead-wires attached, it is fully adaptable to automated assembly techniques. The ceramic filter cannot get out of tune, and will serve, highly resistant to physical shock and variations in temperature, for the life of the set. Additionally, it offers superior performance in being much less susceptible to "microphonics," or unwanted sound waves, than the conventional transformer, according to the company. Initially, U. S. Sonics is building two types of the new filter. One is for transistor circuits; the other is designed for use with vacuum tubes.

A thermoelectric generator, developed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, has been put into service to protect a mile-deep gas well of El Paso Natural Gas Company at El Paso, Tex. The generator, installed in a remote region of the San Juan Basin, northeast of Farmington, N. Mex., supplies the electric power needed to prevent self-corrosion of the well's steel casing. The technique, known as cathodic protection, keeps the casing from being eaten away through an electrochemical reaction that occurs spontaneously in metal objects buried in the ground. The thermoelectric generator taps a small amount of the heat coming from the well, burns it, and converts the heat directly into the electricity that safeguards the well.

The thermoelectric generator is connected between the 5000-foot gas well casing and a ground bed consisting of silicon cast iron anodes packed vertically in a hole 23 feet deep. It reverses the normal flow of current set up by the casing as it chemically reacts with the soil. Thus, the easily replaceable ground bed is slowly eaten away instead of the casing itself.

Protection of the well casing is accomplished with about six amperes of current at eight volts d-c. This power is generated at a temperature of 800° F on the hot side of the generator. The cool side of the unit operates at 200° F, higher than the boiling point of water at the 6100 foot elevation at which the generator operates.

A Trion Instruments, Inc., laser, operated by four University of Michigan physicists, has produced a coherent beam in the blue region for the first time. By focusing the laser's output beam (6943 Angstroms) into a quartz crystal, the second harmonic (3471.5 Angstroms) was detected. The second harmonic was produced by the high intensity of the laser beam at the focus, utilizing the non-linear optical properties of quartz. Output power of this system is greater than two joules per pulse. "We are emphasizing the development of electronic components in the optical region," Douglas L. Linn, company president said, "because we feel that these devices will find many applications similar to those for which devices in the microwave and radio-frequency region are now used."





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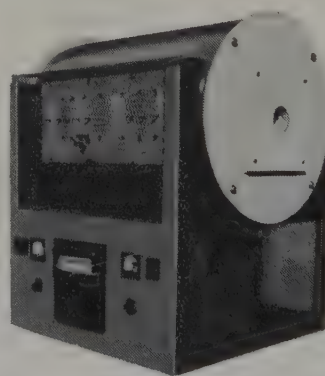
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


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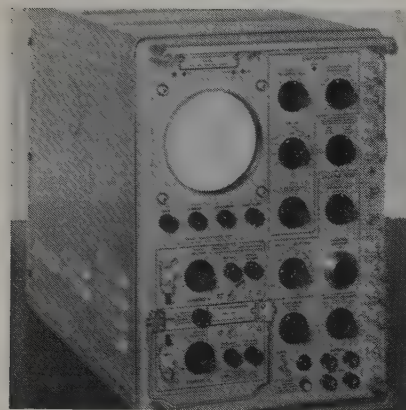
## Bar Solder

A new bar solder that has been effective in cutting printed circuit joint rejects from 8 in 400 to 1 in 5,000 is available from Alpha Metals, Inc. called "Alpha Vaculoy (R) Bar Solder," photomicrographs indicate that it is significantly freer from oxide-forming elements and as a result, cuts dross, increases bath life, reduces inherent inclusions, improves wetting and produces brighter joints. It is said to provide more finished units per pound, and is available from stock in most of the common tin-lead alloys; it comes in standard 1 lb. bars, or 9 lb. ingots for automatic soldering machines.



Left, standard solder. Right, bright, clean oxide-free Vaculoy (R) Bar Solder.  
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## Environmentalized Oscilloscope



A new environmentalized oscilloscope with sweep-delay feature, Tektronix Type 945, with Type MC Dual-Trace Preampifier plugged into the vertical channel permits highly precise measurements under severe environmental conditions in the dc-to-24 mc region. Temperature: -40°C to 55°C/71°C (operating), -65°C to +85°C (storage). Humidity: 10 days, 95% RH 18°C to 65°C (storage). Fungus: 28 days (storage). Vibration: 5 G's, 55 cps, 0.030" pk-pk. (operating). Shock: 400 lb. hammer drop (operating). Altitude: 20,000 ft. (operating), 50,000 ft. (storage). Radio Interference: 15 kc to 400 mc (operating). Salt Atmosphere: 100 hrs (finishes). Rain: 5 min. drip test (storage).

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## Tantalum Capacitors

A new series of improved 125° C 'cup style' sintered-anode tantalum capacitors is available from the Sprague Electric Company. The new units supplement the 85°C ratings previously available from Sprague. Three case sizes are furnished. In the smallest case size, ratings range from 30μF at 4 volts to 1.7μF at 85 volts; in the middle case size, capacitances range from 140μF at 4 volts to 9μF at 85 volts; and the largest case size capacitances range from 320μF at 4 volts to 25μF at 85 volts. All units are available in both ±10% and -15/+20% tolerances.

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## Photoconductors



A new line of photoconductor devices was introduced by Sylvania Electric Products Inc. The new units consist of a cadmium sulfide cell (below left) on which "comb-shaped" electrodes have been deposited. The spectral response of cadmium sulfide closely approximates that of the human eye. Such response is preferred in most photoconductor applications. The comb-shaped design maximizes the area of sensitive material while maintaining close electrode spacing. The devices are hydrogen-filled, assuring uniformity and stability of characteristics. Use of a hermetic glass seal increases cell life by keeping out moisture and other foreign matter which might destroy photoconductor properties.

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## Limit Switch

A new limit switch featuring solid state electronics and high reliability has been introduced by the Apparatus Division of Texas Instruments Incorporated. A life test that commenced several months ago is continuing with the switch nearing 40,000,000 trouble-free cycles. The new unit, called the Statronic Limit Switch, requires Standard 115 V a-c input power and has an operating temperature range from 0° to 200° F. It is impervious to moisture and corrosive atmospheres.

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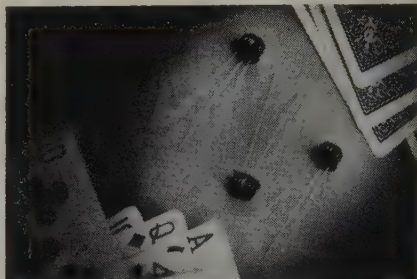
## Epitaxial Mesa Transistors



The Lansdale Division of Philco Corporation has introduced silicon diffused n-p-n epitaxial Mesa transistors that combine high voltage and high power ratings with low storage time and low saturation voltage. Featuring very high gain bandwidth product ( $f_T$ ), 2N2086 and 2N2087 permit design of circuits with switching rates greater than 15 mc at currents as high as 300 ma. Specifications of the 2N2087 are:  $BV_{CBO}$ -120 v. min;  $h_{FE}$ -40, min;  $V_{CE}$  (sat)-0.5 v, max; maximum rise, storage and fall time (circuit gain of 10) of 85, 100 and 55 nsec. max; and gain bandwidth product ( $f_T$ ) of 150 mc, min.

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## Germanium Transistors

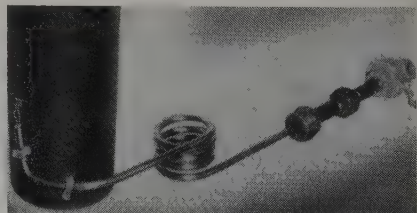


Three new germanium transistors introduced by General Electric are expected to be a boon for protection in existing marginal high-voltage circuit designs. 2N1924, 2N1925 and 2N1926, in addition to voltage ratings up to 60-volts, have a high gain characteristic. Thus, they may be used in audio frequency switching circuits as well as high voltage amplifier circuits.

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## Thermocouple Assembly

An all stainless steel thermocouple assembly with a small pad welded at the hot junction has been developed by Trin-



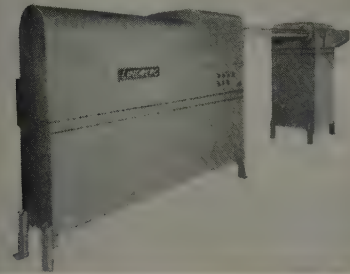
ity Equipment Corp., for skin temperature sensing. In use, the pad and sheath will be welded to large diameter heater tubes and accurately transmit temperature measurements. The assembly has been designed coiled to allow for expansion and contraction of the heater tubes. The flexible metal-sheathed thermocouple element, called "Trinnox", consists of a swaged sheath containing thermocouple wire and magnesium oxide insulation.

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Automatic Zone Refiner

A big step toward automating the production of semiconductors is announced by Lindberg Engineering Company in its new fixture for the continuous zone refining of germanium. The unit consists of an atmosphere charging chamber where a number of germanium-filled boats are placed on an indexing conveyor. The boats then are automatically charged into a quartz tube where multiple zones can be melted either by induction or resistance heating elements.



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Transistor Test Set

A new transistor test set designed to test extremely low leakage currents has been developed by Fairchild Semiconductor. Essentially a go/no go tester, but with absolute readout capability, the 1193 will test leakage currents from 1 picoamp (1 micromicroamp) to 1 microamp for both n-p-n and p-n-p transistors. It has an accuracy better than plus or minus 1% above 10 picoamps and plus or minus 5% below 10 picoamps. The unit can be programmed for collector-to-base and emitter-to-base voltages from 0-100 volts in 1 volt steps.

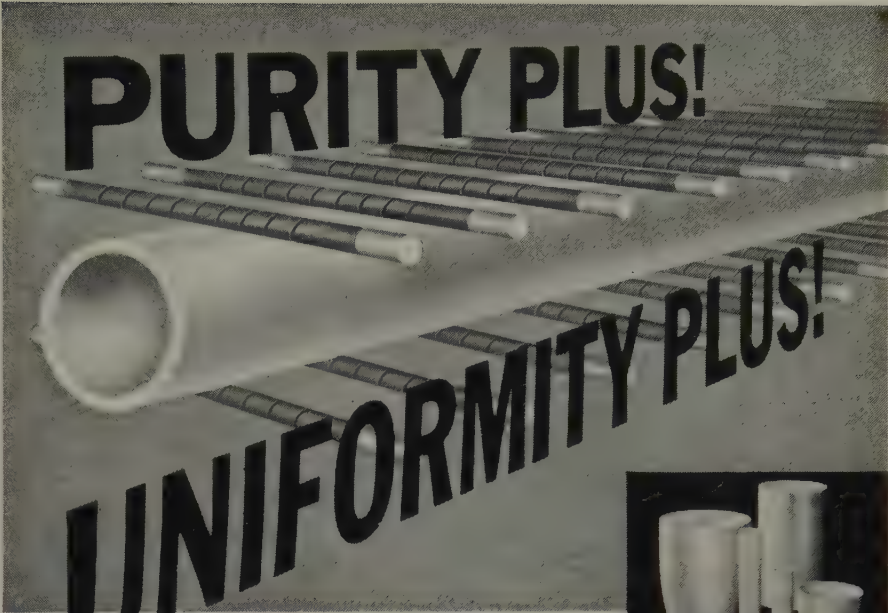
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Temperature Chamber



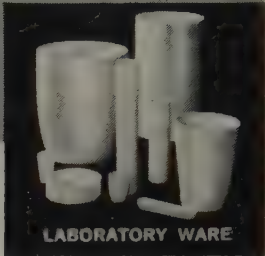
Delta Design, Inc. has announced the addition of a large volume-low gradient model to their line of quality temperature chambers. Model 1060B chamber has temperature profile characteristics suitable for Mil. Spec. testing of large assemblies where temperature variation throughout the specimen, including gradient, control variations, and drift is not to exceed  $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ . The unit operates in the temperature range of  $-100^\circ\text{F}$  to  $+500^\circ\text{F}$ . Fast cool down time is achieved through use of convenient bottle  $\text{CO}_2$  and the unit may be automatically cycled between two temperatures with the MR-1 Automatic Time Sequencer.

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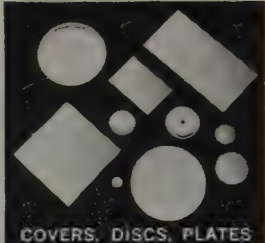


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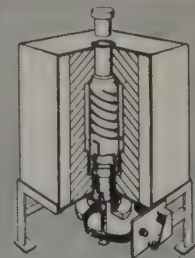
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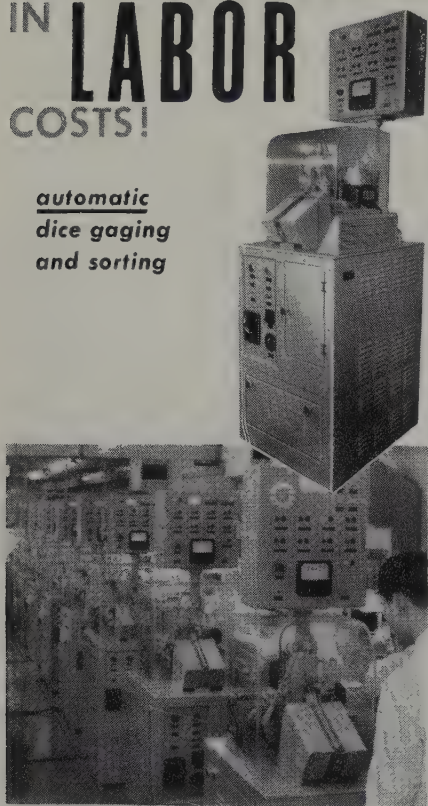
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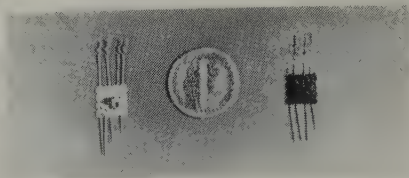
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### Microminiature Flip-Flop

General Instrument Semiconductor Division announces development of a microminiature flip-flop, consisting of 12 pre-



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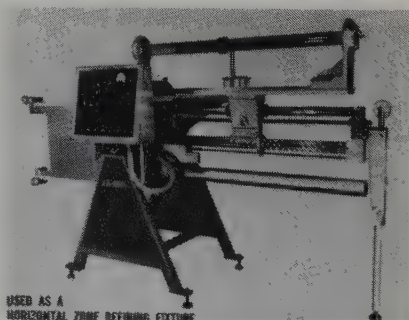
### Fast-Switching Silicon Diode

A new kind of silicon diode, the RD750, was introduced by Rheem Semiconductor Corporation. With a 5-to-1 improvement in conductance and a 2-to-1 improvement in recovery time, the new product is said to make possible significant design improvements in computers and other electronic systems. Conductance is typically 1,000 ma at one volt, permitting new levels of high-current switching for applications such as thin-film computer memories. At low current levels the voltage drop is very low, being only 0.65 volt at 10 ma. Power dissipation is 750 mw. Reverse time is typically as little as 10 nanoseconds.

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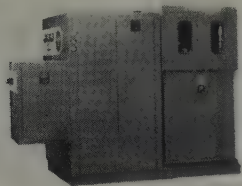
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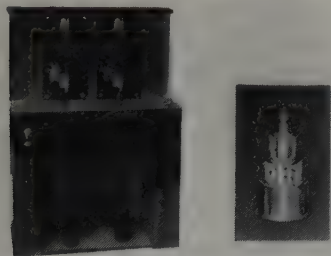
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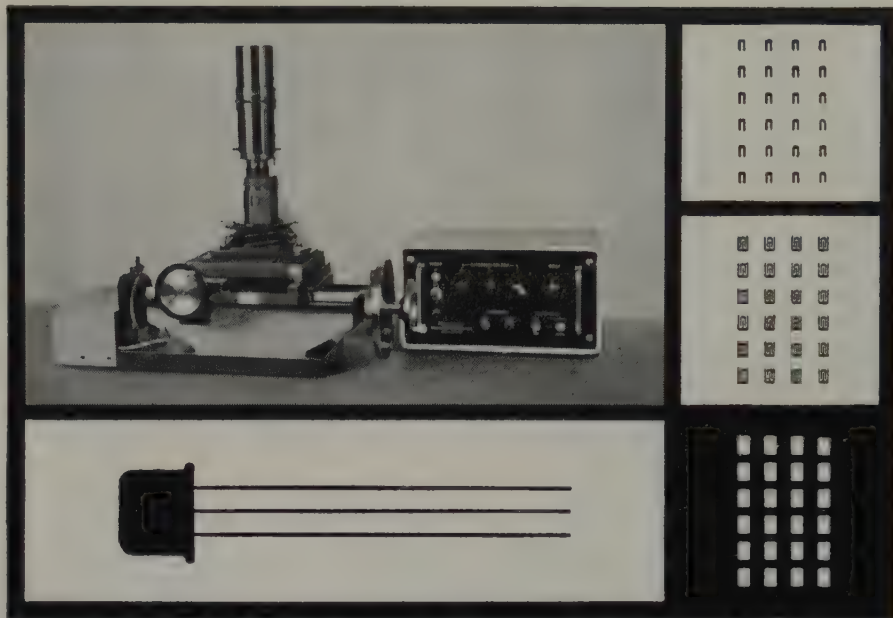
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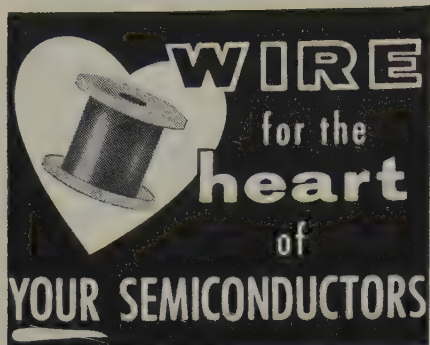
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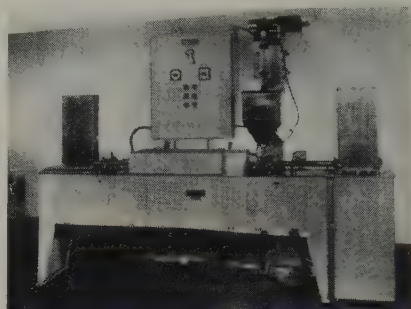
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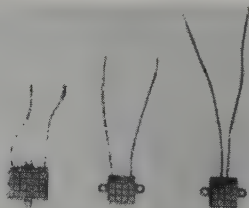
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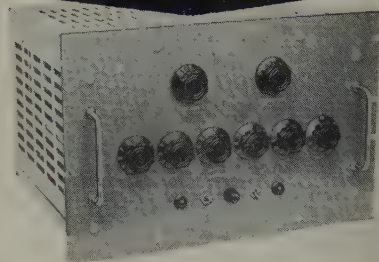
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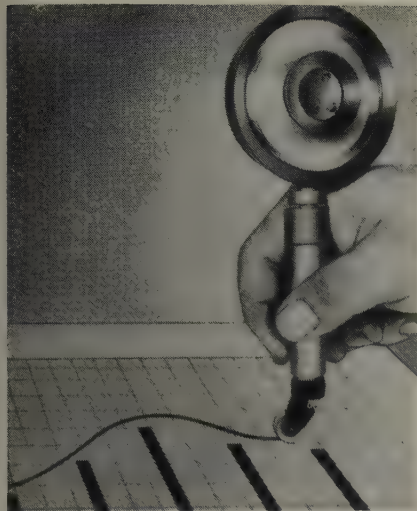
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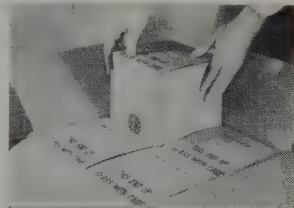
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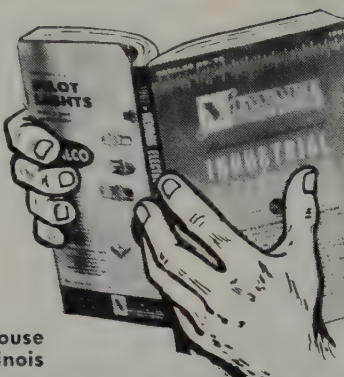
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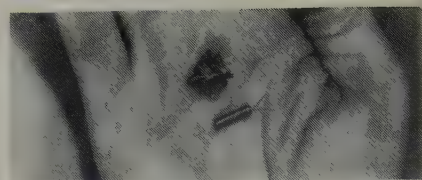


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## Cryogenic Sensors



Two cryogenic sensors, each about the size of a five-cent piece, have been introduced by Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company. The firm said the tiny sensors are germanium semiconductors designed for application in test and operational phases of space vehicles using liquid helium and nitrogen and for use in calibration and standards laboratories. Their temperature range is 4° to 40° Kelvin (-269°C to -233°C.) One type of sensor measures surface temperatures; the other is a probe-type unit for internal applications. Both are encapsulated and hermetically sealed.

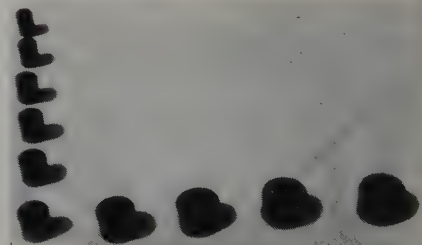
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## Automatic Measuring System

A new system which digitally measures the elapsed time between any two points on a high-speed waveform is available from Dymec, a Division of Hewlett-Packard Co. DY-5844 Automatic Waveform Measuring System will measure time intervals between any two points chosen from the 0-100% level of either stimulus or response pulse. Accuracy is better than  $\pm 4\%$  of full scale,  $\pm 0.4$  nanoseconds. In addition to measuring transistor delay, rise, storage, and fall time, it will make similar measurements on diodes, magnetic cores, and high speed components and circuits.

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## Epoxy Case Shells



Cycle Products is manufacturing non-burn epoxy shells for the electronic component industry. These cases will find uses in diodes, resistors, delay lines, capacitors, transformers, coils and module packaging. All sizes are available in quantity for immediate delivery. Sizes other than standard and materials other than non-burn epoxy may be had on special order. Moulding to sections as fine as .010 can be done.

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## Vinyl Industrial Glove

A new disposable industrial glove has been introduced by the Wilson Rubber Co. It is designed for inspection work, small parts handling, and any industrial operation where touch sensitivity is important and either product or hand must be protected. While the new "Tru-Touch" glove is only .006 of an inch thick, it is exceptionally tough, with a tensile strength of 1000 to 1200 psi.

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Diffusion Tube Furnace

A new three-zone diffusion tube furnace for tube temperatures up to 2300° F (1260°C.) has been developed by K. H. Huppert Co. As a space-saving feature, the furnaces can be arranged in groups of six on one common base. Each furnace has independent electricals and controls, all located in the base. Down time for maintenance can be held to 15 minutes or less, since each furnace unit is individually replaceable. It is only necessary to disconnect the power leads, slide the "down" unit from the support rack, slide in the replacement unit and reconnect leads.

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Power Converters

The Hoover Company, Electronics Division has recently announced a new line of power converters featuring a significant



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Mesa Diode Dice

MicroSemiconductor Corporation has announced availability of two standard types of silicon mesa diode dice. MSC-1 (ultra-fast computer diode) has electrical properties of < 2 nanosecond recovery, < 2µmf capacitance, > 75 volts PIV. The MSC-2 (general purpose diode) has PIV > 300 volts, < 10mµamp leakage. The dice are surface passivated and can meet or exceed MIL-S-19500B specification without any additional sealing. The anodes and cathodes are gold-plated for ease of termination. Approximate size is .020" x .020" x .007" thick.

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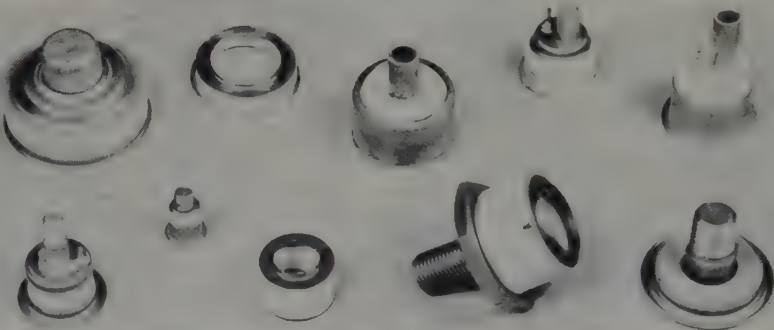
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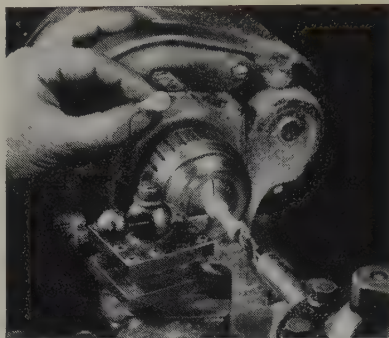


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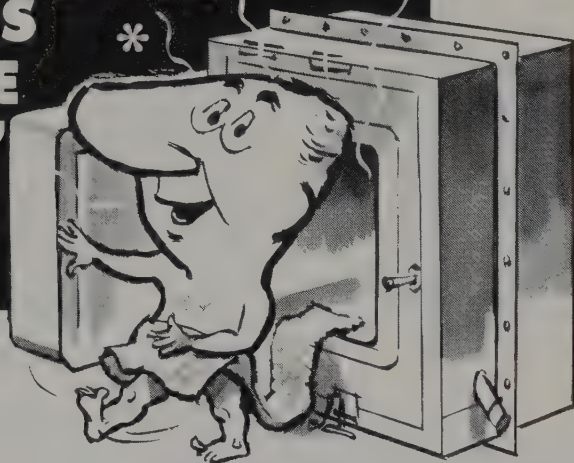


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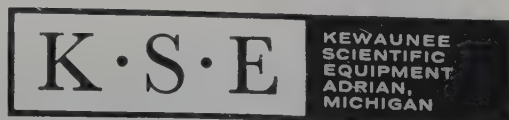
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A designers' kit containing representative types of Semiconductor Coolers including natural convection units and forced convection modular package is now available from Wakefield Engineering. The Cooler Kit contains both complete units and modular components, enabling a designer to conduct tests using his own circuitry within the physical layout and environment of his choosing. Complete technical data is supplied and a "Handbook" is included which outlines the theory, as well as practical techniques for temperature, power, and air flow measurement.

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## Personnel Notes

The appointment of Robert A. Miller as sales manager for specialty plastic films being introduced by Allied Chemical's General Chemical Division is announced by Frank J. Woods, director of sales. With the division 15 years, Mr. Miller was manager of its New York Metropolitan sales office for the past 3 years.

The appointment of William D. Hogan to the newly created position of manager of engineering services for the Semiconductor Division of Sylvania Electric Products Inc. has been announced by Ernest H. Ulm, general marketing manager for the division. Mr. Hogan, who has been manager of field engineering since June 1960, will now coordinate all engineering activities associated with marketing. He joined the company in 1950 as a junior engineer at the division's Engineering Test Laboratory in Boston.

As part of the expanding national distributor sales program of the General Instrument Semiconductor Division, two key divisional appointments have been announced by Clayton Kiernan, National Distributor Sales Manager. Ronald Friedman has been named Distributor Field Sales Manager of the Semiconductor Division, a new post. William Carlson has been appointed Headquarters Distributor Sales Manager of the Division.

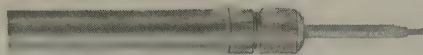
John N. Vogt, a nationally recognized authority on the design of equipment for the production of semiconductors, has joined Temperature Engineering Corporation as Vice President in Charge of Manufacturing. Mr. Vogt, for the past 15 years, has served with General Electric Co., helping to pioneer some of the most notable advances in silicon rectifier manufacturing equipment and tooling, and in the establishment of quality control standards for the semiconductor industry.

Francis J. Asip has joined Monsanto Chemical Company's marketing staff as a sales representative in the Inorganic Chemicals Division's electronic products group. J. E. Crawford Jr., division director of marketing, has announced. Mr. Asip, whose headquarters will be at St. Louis, was previously with Allegheny Electronic Chemical Company.

Cary H. Stevenson, Vice President of Lindberg Engineering Company, has announced the recent appointment of Elmer W. Edstrand as Manager of the Kiln Division. Mr. Edstrand's divisional responsibilities will include charge of all sales of the company's line of kilns used throughout the ceramic, as well as other non-metallurgical industries.

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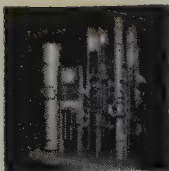
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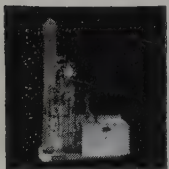
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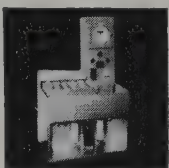
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A new brochure describing the analytical methods and processes used for control of materials in the Electronics Industry and describing their facilities and services has been published by Electronic Metals and Alloys, Inc. Request Brochure #28.

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A three-color, four-page folder, designed to aid buyers and engineers in the selection of Fairchild Planar Transistors and Diodes, is available from Schweber Electronics. The folder outlines the applications of these transistors and diodes, and defines concisely their construction and specifications in quick-reference, tabular form.

Circle 172 on Reader Service Card

General Electric Company has published a specification sheet, No. 145.15, on the 1N3289-1N3295 high current Silicon Rectifier. The eight-page brochure contains 19 curves including NEMA overload ratings. The Rectifier Components Department has provided detailed recurrent overload information keyed to the "NEMA Standards for Rectifier Equipments Below 100 Kilowatts." The 19 curves depict cell specifications, maximum circuit ratings for cells mounted on  $5 \times 5 \times \frac{1}{8}$ " and  $7 \times 7 \times \frac{1}{4}$ " copper fins and recurrent overload ratings for cells mounted on  $7 \times 7 \times \frac{1}{4}$ " copper fins.

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A brochure which describes and illustrates mechanical and air operated clamps for holding masks and parts, and standard and special fixtures used to speed up production in high quality color decoration of mass produced products is being offered by Conforming Matrix Corporation. Request Form No. 7624.

Circle 174 on Reader Service Card

A new condensed catalog of nanosecond instrumentation has been published by Lumatron Electronics, Inc. The 6 page catalog illustrates and describes a complete line of production and laboratory test equipment designed for use in semiconductor, computer, and high frequency applications. It includes specifications on sampling oscilloscopes, automatic switching time test sets, nanosecond risetime pulse generators, semiconductor test sets and nanosecond delay lines.

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John Fluke Mfg. Co., Inc., announces a technical data bulletin describing a new power supply. Rated at 0 to 500 volts, output current 0 to 500 ma, the Model 417 is designed for critical situations requiring precise performance with high power capabilities.

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Slater Electric, Inc., has published a data sheet on its new series of miniature, hermetically sealed silicon rectifiers specifically developed to replace the large top hat types IN536 thru 540, IN1095, and IN1096. Bulletin No. ID-101A gives complete application engineering data of Slater type numbers SLA536, SLA538, SLA539, SLA540, SLA1095, and SLA1096. Also included are typical reverse characteristic, and typical forward characteristic curves.

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Networks Electronic Corp. has prepared a new brochure on their glass-to-metal seal facilities. The four page booklet describes the applications, environmental conditions and specifications for glass-to-metal seals. Data on standard units is also provided.

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Varo Inc., is offering a new catalog of its microcircuitry devices now available as standard circuits. Featured in the catalog are descriptive data on digital computer, control and audio frequency circuits. Photographs, complete specifications, prices and deliveries are also included.

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The complete line of McLean Engineering Labs packaged blowers, propellers, fans, centrifugal blowers, ring fans and accessory items is presented in a new 48-page catalog. All mechanical and electrical characteristics of each model are included with performance curves and engineering drawings. A special section devoted to basic design information for ventilating electronic equipment using forced-air cooling. Mathematical formulas and graphs are provided for problems pertaining to cooling solid state circuitry or tube assemblies.

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Monitor Products Company, Inc., announces its new 4-page booklet on "How to Specify Component Ovens." The booklet contains and explains all of the requirements necessary to specify ovens to control the temperature of crystal oscillators, transistors and other temperature-sensitive components. Included is a thermostat characteristics chart showing the capabilities and limitations of various thermostats. Specifications on 8 Monitor standard ovens are also included to aid in selecting the proper oven.

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## Personnel Notes

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Robert R. Jay has been named manager of product marketing of the Transistor Division of the Sprague Electric Company, it was announced by Albert B. Dall, marketing manager. Mr. Jay was previously with General Electric Company where he was district sales manager for semiconductor products in the Long Island, New York area.

Anchor Alloys Inc., announced the appointment of Jerry G. Holecek, a research chemist and expert on polyester and epoxy resins, as director of newly established research facilities in the company's plant at 968 Meeker Avenue, Brooklyn. Primary objective of the department in exploring plastics technology is the manufacture and marketing of compounds based on resins and polysulphides, according to Herbert Drapkin, president.

Guy W. Wilson has been named regional sales manager for the Industrial Products group of Texas Instruments Incorporated, O. F. Henning, marketing manager, announces. Mr. Wilson will be in charge of the group's Mid-America region with headquarters in Chicago. He has been with TI for four years and was formerly a district sales engineer for the company in Cleveland and Chicago.

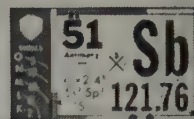
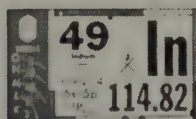
Alfred J. Girardot, Jr., formerly marketing manager for the Evanston, Ill., facilities of the Semiconductor Division of Hoffman Electronics Corporation, has been promoted to director of marketing for the entire division, T. S. Hoffman, vice president and division manager, announced. Previously, Mr. Girardot was in marketing for three years with Texas Instruments Incorporated, at Dallas, where his last position was product marketing manager for silicon controlled rectifiers in the Semiconductor Components Division.

Lester Avnet, president of Avnet Electronics Corporation, announced that Donald A. Davis has been appointed assistant to the president. Mr. Davis has long been associated with the electronics and aeronautics industries. He was previously with Cannon Electric Company for 19 years. Mr. Davis will make his headquarters at Avnet's executive offices in Westbury, Long Island.

Gordon L. Ness has been named to the new position of Instrumentation Marketing Manager for Fairchild Semiconductor. He will report to Thomas H. Bay, Director of Marketing. Mr. Ness previously supervised 20 west coast sales engineers on automation equipment and processes for Howe Scale, a Division of Fairbanks-Morse of Canada, Ltd.

Dr. Maurice L. Torti has been promoted to the post of director of metallurgical research for the Metals Division of National Research Corporation. He is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has specialized in physical metallurgy, particularly in the development of vacuum melting, alloying and fabrication of refractory materials. Dr. Torti joined NRC in 1956.

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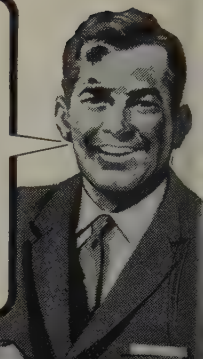
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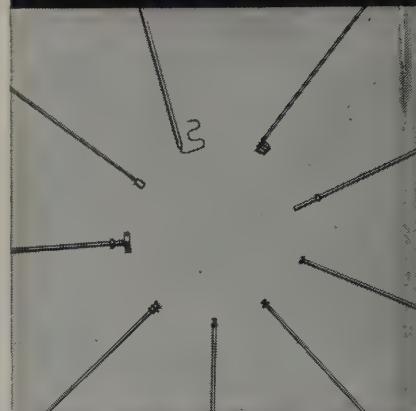
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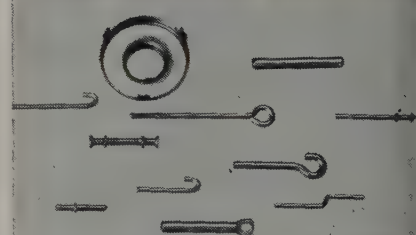
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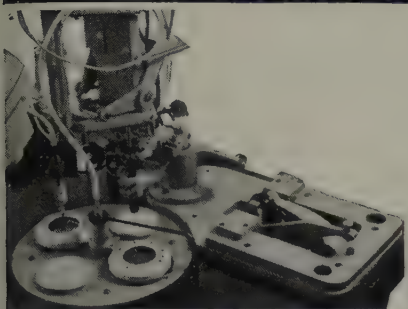
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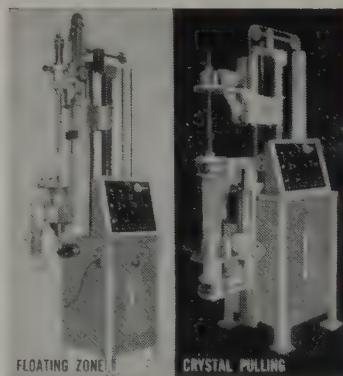
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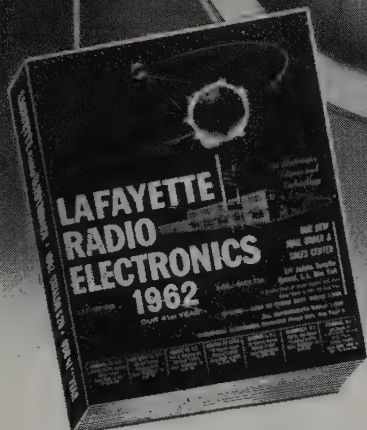
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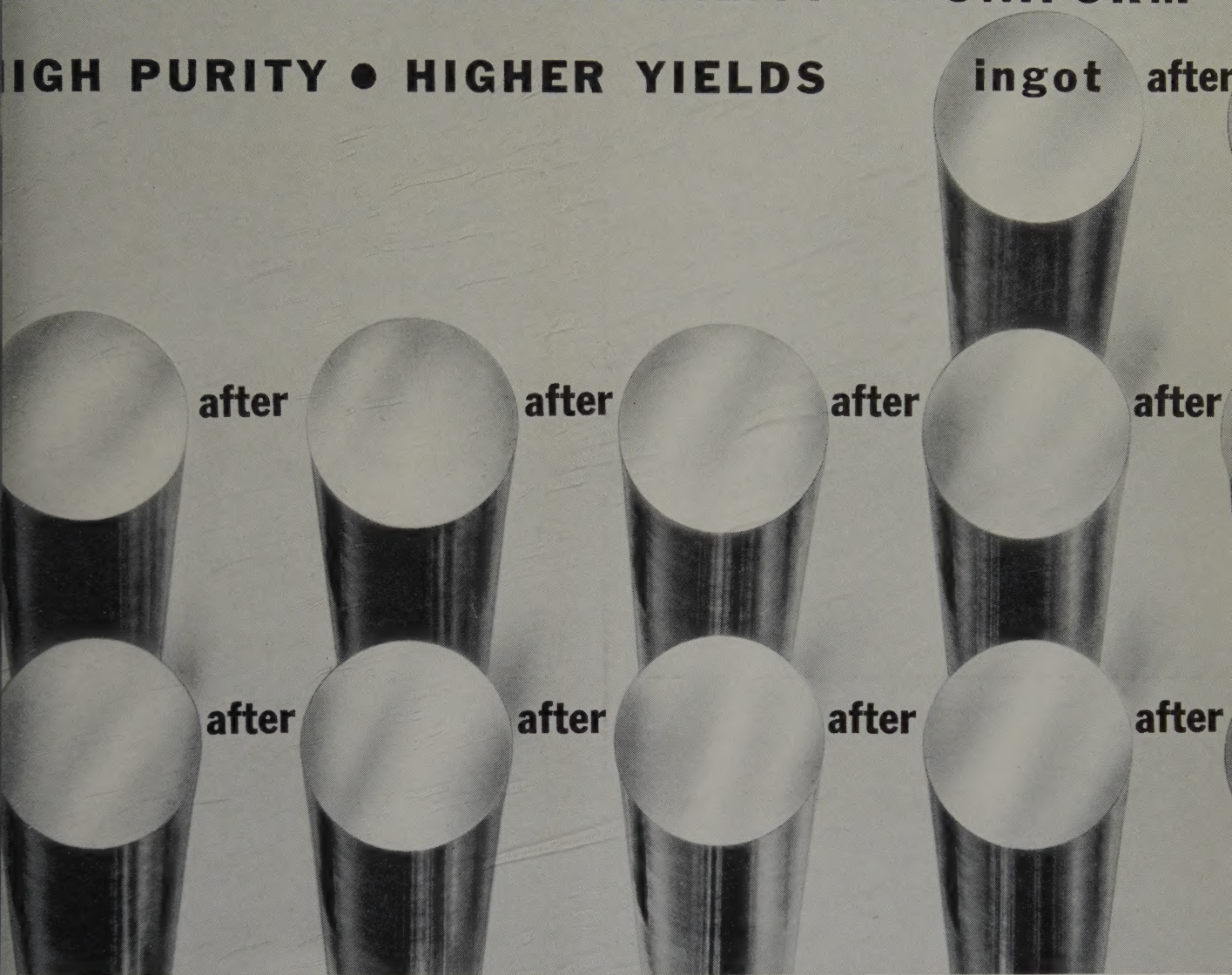
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